

**CITY OF RIVIERA BEACH
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2013 AT 5:30 P.M.
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We'll now call the regular City Council meeting to order. Madam Clerk, please call the roll.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Mayor Thomas Masters?

MAYOR MASTERS: Present. Uh, Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chairperson Cedrick Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Pro Tem Dawn Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Present

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Bruce Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Judy Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Terrence Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: City Manager Ruth Jones?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Present.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Deputy City Clerk Claudene Anthony is present. City Attorney Pamala Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Present.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We have a quorum. Uh, any person that would like to speak on an agenda item, non-consent items only, please fill out a pink comment card located in the back of the City Council chambers, and give it to the legislative assistant prior to the beginning of the meeting. In no event will anyone be allowed to

speaking on an agenda item after the resolution is read or item considered. (Sneeze). Bless you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Bless you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Will everyone please stand for a Moment of Silence, followed by the Pledge led by Mr. T. Davis? (Everyone stood for a Moment of Silence with the Pledge of Allegiance being led by Councilperson T. Davis).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any additions, deletions, or substitutions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir. Tonight I would like for Council to consider for consideration the deletion, first of all, of Item 5 on the consent agenda.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: I would like to add to the consent agenda Item 13A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And this is, um, approval to be a co-sponsor of the Relay For Life that will be held here in Riviera Beach on April 27th and 28th at the Riviera Beach Municipal Beach.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Item 13B is a grant application. We just found out about this grant last week. It is due on the 14th of April. This is another grant to -- uh, we're applying for to assist us in the redevelopment of our marina. The grant application is for \$850,000, and the granting agency is the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program administered by the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Under Awards & Presentations, I'd like to add an Item 17A.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And this will be the awards and the acknowledgement of all of the participants and winners in the City's 29th Annual Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: There, uh, six add-on community benefits. The first one is coming from Councilwoman Judy Davis to the Youth Recreation Association for \$500.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're gonna make that 22 -- say -- say that again, please?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Um, there's -- uh, it was printed incorrectly. It should be \$1,000. It's printed as one -- as 500.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Okay. Let's -- let's go ahead and make that just 23.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Item number 24 under Community Benefits, also for Council -- from Councilwoman Davis, an award to Jay's Ministry for \$500. Number 25 is also from Councilwoman Davis, and this is \$1,000 to support the Riviera Beach Fire Rescue Honor Guards.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. How -- how much was the one to Jay's Ministry?

CITY MANAGER JONES: 500.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: 500.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Okay. And 25 was the, uh, Riviera Beach.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And that's 1,000.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Rescue Honor Guard. 1,000? Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Number 26 is coming from Councilman Terrence Davis to Neighbors United in the \$350. The next one is coming from Councilman Bruce Guyton.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're gonna make, uh, Councilman T. Davis 26, Councilman Guyton will be 27.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And that is to Youth Recreation Association in the amount of \$1,000. And the last one is also by Councilman Guyton to the Inter-City Youth Golf Group, and that is for \$500.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We have 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 28. With that, that completes your, um, additions?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Also, um, we don't have an end of consent printed, so the end of consent will be 13B. So end of consent will be 13B for anyone who's following the agenda. 13B will be end of consent. Okay. Um --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. I would like to make a motion to approve the consent --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- agenda, uh --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- to approve the agenda.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair, I'd like to pull, um, Item 3, 4, and --

CITY MANAGER JONES: No, she just (inaudible) --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Oh, I'm sorry.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: She just -- she just -- we're just approving --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Sorry, sorry, sorry. Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. There's a motion. Is there a second?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Is there any questions, concerns on readiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are there any disclosures by Council?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, Madam -- uh, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. Item -- hold on one second -- Item 6. Item 6. I'd like to disclose that I am a resident of that development that's asking for an easement.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Madam Clerk, so note that, please, for Item 6.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Are we -- we're on consent now?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're going to adoption of it, yes, ma'am.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to pull Items 3, 4, and, uh, 11.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. 3, 4, and 11?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Items 3, 4 and 11 will be pulled. If there is any member of the public who -- that wished to speak on that item, you may now fill out a comment card for Items 3, 4, and 11. Okay. In a -- if there are no other --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir, Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'd like to pull Item Number 13 and 13B.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You'd like to pull Item 13 and 13B.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, sir. No, no. 13B, 13B. I apologize. Just 13B.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Just 13B. Okay. Once again, for any members of the public who would like to speak on any of those items, those items that are now being pulled from consent are Items 3, 4, 11, 13B.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Excuse -- excuse me, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I have one more item. It will be number 10.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Once again, for the public who may wish to speak on these items, items that are now being pulled, 3, 4, 10, 11, and 13B. Are there any others? Hearing none, I'll entertain a motion for adoption of the consent agenda with Items 3, 4, 10, 11, and 13B being pulled.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Are there any additional questions, concerns on readiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 3.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 35-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving an agreement between the City and Jordan, Jones & Goulding, now known as Jacobs Engineering, waiving fees owed by the City to Jacobs for post-design services related to the State Road A1A project, in the amount of \$216,286.61, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the agreement and provide an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Are there any comment cards on Item 3? And it looks like we do have one.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That's Item 4.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, it's Item 3 right here.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: No. (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay. Okay.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: This is (inaudible). What is this? Number (inaudible) that's (inaudible). Here you are. So, no.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I have -- I don't have any comment cards for Item 3. Um, Councilman Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, sir. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, I pulled this because I'm -- I -- I was just a little bit confused. Um, um, in -- actually, going back when we approved the project, the FDOT project, um, we -- I thought that all of this included the underdeck -- underdeck lighting of the bridge. And I guess I must have gotten some incorrect information, um, as it relates to Jones -- Jones, Gould, whatever it is, JJ&G, um, that, you know, there was some problems with, you know, the underground utilities and all of that. And now I understand that the, um -- that particular piece was just removed from the project. Can -- when -- when did that happen and why? I mean, because that was really, you know, there was a lot of excitement about it because that was gonna be like a -- a signature thing for Riviera Beach. So, um, and also, if, once you give me those answers, um, by not having to expend this \$216,000, um, would -- will that allow us to go forward with, you know, getting that piece done?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Good evening, Council. Brynt Johnson, Director of Public Works. Um, the first question, when did it get pulled? I can't say exactly when the underdeck lighting was eliminated from the project, um, but there was an issue with the design or us sole-sourcing the product for the underdeck lighting, um, and unfortunately, the company that we sole-sourced to ended up going out of business around the time that they got ready to order the products. So what we had to do was, uh, take those same specs, go out and look for other vendors to supply it. Uh, when those vendor prices came in, they were extremely high, um, which led to us eliminating the bridge underdeck lighting. Um, as far as whether or not we can revisit that with the 216,000, I -- I really don't know the dynamics of the project as far as what monies really remain.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. So -- and --

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: So I can't really answer that one.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And I think, um, the CRA also has put some money in their pot, too, for -- just for this purpose, for lighting?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: I can't say whether it was for this purpose solely. I know that they did contribute to the project. I can't say for what purpose they contributed.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Well, I was very excited about it. I -- you know, I hope we can find some kind of way that we can, you know, go ahead and get that done. So that was my main reason for pulling the item. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are there any other questions by the Board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson D. [sic] Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Before we go to Item 4, is Miss Kathleen Voss here? Uh, which item would you like to speak on?

KATHLEEN VOSS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Public comment?

KATHLEEN VOSS: Public comment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We'll make sure that we take care of you. Okay. We're gonna go to Item 4.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 37-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the first amendment to an inter-local agreement between Palm Beach County and the City of Riviera Beach for the Singer Island Dune Restoration Project and providing an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. We do have a comment card. Mr. Gerald Ward?

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 31 West 20th Street, or really 3930 North Ocean. On the beach side I have a condominium and I would tell you that when we -- when y'all -- and against my recommendation -- adopted the \$200,000 a year for nourishing and playing with people's backyard private property, effectively, uh, that was supposedly a backstop. Now you're gonna add to this year alone, a hundred and some odd thousand dollars. Uh, you have a real problem when you start taking care of people's backyard.

Uh, you go over on, say, S Avenue, and the backyard of S Avenue has a utility easement down the back. You make those folks take care of that easement. Um, we need to stop just giving money out, um, for private property on the beach side. The beaches of this town probably haven't changed substantially since statehood. Yes, the dunes have, because we've developed them. Um, I've watched kids slide down the -- the, uh, higher dunes, 15 foot or so, uh, which is not good practice.

Ask them, each one of the condos, what they do for maintenance, how much money they've budgeted for their back -- maintenance of their backyard. Uh, many of them look at me like I must be from outer space. Uh, this is not good practice, to start taking hundreds of thousands of dollars and keep adding to it, uh, for a department of the county that doesn't accomplish the full project.

How many of these projects were -- I think we have nine in the -- this century where they have added sand to the backyards of the dune system and to the point that the agencies, the Feds, are saying, you're really nourishing into the water, because it disappears so quickly. They need to do something about vegetation immediately and we keep getting, "Well, we don't have time. We've got other things to do." So this is something you really don't need to go down this path with for private property.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. There's no other comment cards. Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh, yes, sir. Uh, I pulled this item because, um, though I support the initiative that we're -- we're doing, we don't want anybody's property to fall over in the ocean. But, uh, you know, there's some questions that I have and some concerns that I have, um, as it relates to the way the inter-local agreement is written. And, um, it states that we are responsible for 20 percent of the restoration expense, but not to exceed \$200,000.

Now, from what I understand, Miss Jones, is that, um, due to the County not having been doing this, uh, every year, restoring the dunes every year, um, quite a bit of sand had washed out and, um, there was more that needed to be done, and it -- it really exceeded the \$200,000.

So my question is, in going forward with action that we take tonight, uh, and going forward, we're paying that additional \$140,000, uh, from the back end, I guess, but in that fifth year, um, that leaves only \$60,000. So, um, by going forward with this -- this -- tonight, um, and with this document, then are we still going to be liable for the -- um, the \$200,000, up to \$200,000, um, in, you know, year five? And if we are, do you have a back-up plan, um, for making sure that it's funded?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, ma'am, you are correct that on the back end, and that would be the years ago of '16/'17 or '17/'18, um, we would be short of the \$200,000. The inter-local agreement also states that we must have the money --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- for them to do the work. So if we do not have the money in that fifth year, we need to let them know. But we would like to try and plan, as we do all our capital projects, and with impact fees as well as with other financing we'll do with the City to be able to account for the additional monies that we will need in the fifth year of this inter-local agreement.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, and just following through on that, Miss Jones, understanding what you just said, um, and -- and reading Item Number 5 of this agreement, um, about midway down, um, it states, "The parties agree that the County shall not be obligated to perform, uh, restoration unless the City notifies the County in writing that the City Council has appropriated sufficient dollars in any annual fiscal budget." Well, in this particular fiscal budget, it exceeded \$200,000, and we weren't asked, you know. So that's why there is a concern for me, you know, as it relates to that fifth year.

CITY MANAGER JONES: And I understand the concern, and we also raised the concern with the County --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- because we did have the inter-local agreement with the 20 percent.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Uh, as you mentioned, due to the, um, extreme nature of what needed to be done --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- uh, it exceeded that, uh, this particular, um, restoration at this particular point for the restoration. Um, but we have, and told the County that we plan for them to adhere to their inter-local agreement, just like we're adhering --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- to the inter-local agreement.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. But -- so you're gonna put something in a tickler, and when we come up to budget, and just kinda play with things and make sure that we are covered, just in case.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, in the --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- appropriate year.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are there any other questions or concerns?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, Mr. -- I saw Mr. Davis' hand first.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Uh-huh. Uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, one of the questions, and one of the things I observed from looking at this, um, back-up information, and we're talking about the County, and we're talking about the City of Riviera Beach. Um, I don't see the Port of Palm Beach nowhere in here. Um, any credible environmental engineer will tell you that there's a direct correlation between beach erosion and dredging of the -- dredging of the Intercoastal.

We need -- we need -- we need to look at the permitting and determine whether there is a dredging compliance with eight feet versus the 50 feet and making sure that when we spend our dollars, our dollars are not just going away in the ocean, and let's hold these people accountable that's doing some dredging, making sure they're in compliance of the laws through the federal government.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Oh, okay. Yes. Uh, Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, um, Madam -- uh, Mr. Chair. I apologize for that. For the past couple of years we've been saying Madam Chair, but it's good to have a Mr. Chair sitting up here. Um, I'd like to put this into perspective for everyone. Um, Singer Island is one of nine critically eroded beaches around the State of Florida.

DEP has determined that the north end of Singer Island is critically eroded, and because of that, DEP puts money into their budget every year, along with the County, and now the City of Riviera Beach, to make sure that the beaches are maintained.

Um, no one expected Hurricane Sandy to come by. You know, it wreaked havoc in the, uh, Northeast. But it also wreaked havoc, um, to the beaches in Palm Beach County. Singer Island was seriously, um, affected by it. You know, some of you walked the beach with the mayor and I, and -- and you got to see a lot of the condos lost a substantial amount of their property. Some residents were asked to, um, remove themselves from their, uh, apartments on the first floor of a couple of condos because, you know, water was intruding.

Um, you know, it is imperative. We -- it is imperative that the City of Riviera Beach maintains a fund to assist with putting sand on the beaches and to renourish the dunes. It's just imperative. We get a lot of tax money from those condos, and we need to make sure that the beaches stay in a great shape. Not just the condos use the beaches, but we have tourists and we have residents who also use the beaches.

And, um, one thing I'd like to tell you all, you know -- some people are aware of it; some aren't. The -- the Department of Environmental Protection started a program. It's called the BMA. It's a beach management agreement. And the -- the first cell of this beach management agreement is taking place in the Port of Palm -- in the town of Palm Beach, and Singer Island and Jupiter. It will be from the Jupiter Inlet down to the Palm Beach inlet. We're going to be the second phase of this, and it's going to start over the summer.

And the plan is, DEP will come up with a way to attempt to keep a significant amount of sand on the Singer Island beaches. And what they'll be looking at is possibly dredging the Jupiter Inlet on a yearly basis. Right now it's dredged maybe, you know, every five years. They're thinking is if they dredge it every year, that will continue with the flow of sand to the south, which will help the Singer Island beach.

They'll also look at the sand traps, emptying the sand traps more often. So hopefully, once, you know, this whole DEP BMA process gets going over the summer we won't have to pay as much in, um, renourishing the dunes. And it's not just the City of Riviera Beach, but the County won't have to pay as much, and DEP will not have to pay as much.

So you know, we're not looking -- I'm not looking at this -- and I don't think anyone should be looking at this as just dumping sand on the beach and watching the sand wash away. Is that what's happening? Yes, it's been happening for a long time. But now at least we have DEP very involved and, you know, they're trying to come up with the solutions, instead of the City and the County coming up with solutions.

So you know, um, you know, for the time being, we're the City and, you know, we're part of the County, and we need to make sure that our residents stay safe. So if it's dumping sand and renourishing the dunes, we need to move forward with it. All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are there any other questions?

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. -- Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, I'll take Councilman Guyton first. You have the floor.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, thank you, Mr. Chair. I've got a -- I've got a question for clarification, and a comment. I'll do my question first. My understanding of the agreement, the inter-local, with respect to the 200,000 a year, over a period of five years --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: It's a 10-year agreement.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- is there a capped amount irrespective of what is spent in any particular year?

CITY MANAGER JONES: There's not a cap amount, sir, and the agreement is really for 10 years. We only had five years worth of funding in the initial budget.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. My -- my other comment is relative to our efforts to generate more revenue, and as -- as we go about trying to increase the revenue that we have coming in, one of the sources, and probably our main source of attracting revenue outside of our ad valorem taxes is our beach. It's -- it's probably one of our few, what I consider, economic engines that we have now.

We're -- we're working on the marina, to bring that into play, but right now the only thing that we really have that attract people to our community, and we compete with other communities to have people come and spend money -- that's the bottom line -- is our beach. And it's my position that to the extent that our resources will allow, we need to ensure that our economic engine that we have, which is probably one of our, um, sole engines right now -- it is our sole engine as it relates to tourist dollars -- um, we have a responsibility to ensure that it is presentable, acceptable, and people would still wanna come here.

It's my hope that a permanent fix would be, um, created, but to be honest, right now unless somebody knows something that I don't know, we're still kind of trying to identify dollars to -- to create a permanent solution. The island has a, um, Protect Our Beaches Coalition now, and they've been working very hard to identify resources to address the problem.

So there is an effort to identify a permanent solution, but until that time we as the community -- and this is not in anybody's backyard -- we're talking about beaches that

generate, um, activity and -- and -- and foot traffic, and dollars -- we have a responsibility to do what we can within the -- our limits of our resources. So, uh, it is my hope that we as a community understand that this is not throwing money away. Um, this is helping to identify those -- those activities that create revenue for our city. So I am in full support.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Um, Mr. Mayor, you have the floor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, last week I met with the -- a congressman, Congressman Murphy, as relates to this --

AUDIENCE: Can't hear you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I'm in a new chair, a new mic, so I'm -- you know, let's see. Can you hear me now?

AUDIENCE: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Can you hear me now? Okay. Um, Mr. Chair, uh, a week ago I met with the Congressman Patrick Murphy on this issue, and I can tell you, um, as one of the elected officials that is a member of Save Our Beach Coalition, the Office of the Mayor supports this resolution as is. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Are there any other questions, concerns, or unreadiness? Hearing none, Madam Clerk.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes. Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I have a comment card for number 8, but Dr. Wynn, number 8 was not pulled. Um, it wasn't pulled, so it was on the consent. Okay? Um, we're gonna go to Item 10.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 42-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, awarding the contract for RFQ 30 -- 382-13 to LB Superior Landscaping, Inc. Of Loxahatchee, Florida for providing landscaping maintenance on State Road A1A between U.S. 1 and Burnt Bridge in the amount of \$56,400, authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the landscape maintenance services contract, authorizing the City Manager to approve change orders up to 10 percent, authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to make payment from same -- for same from account number 001112754103106, and providing an effective date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. There -- we don't have any comment cards, uh, public comment cards for this. Uh, Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, sir. Um, I have -- I have a few questions for Mr. -- uh, Mr. Johnson. When this contract went out for bid, I noticed in the back-up you only had one bidder; is that correct?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes? Um, is there a list? Do we have a listing that goes out in the Palm Beach Post, a list of people that we can send e-mails out, send notices out to?

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Um, just to kinda go over the whole RFP process for this particular item, um -- I'm not sure this thing's working. Uh, we went out initially. We only got two responses. The two responses that we got were two totally different ends of the spectrum as it relates to price -- not only price, but experience. So we decided to then go back out.

When we went back out, um, I do know that we notified some additional, uh, landscape contractors. I believe Purchasing notified some more, as well. So, um, we know for a fact that there were more people that were, um, notified. We had the, uh -- the mandatory pre-bid meeting where we had three people show up. Um, normally with pre-bid meetings you'd figure the people that show up are definitely going to bid, and turns out one didn't bid. The other one just showed up late to submit the paperwork. Um, so we ended up with one bidder.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, my -- my question is, now, and I see what you did. Thank you for what you have done. But any time we're gonna conduct business in our community, and want to save dollars, we want to keep a competitive bid, make sure

rivals have competition at the table. Uh, we have just one bidder. Let's make sure we can find a (inaudible). There's a lot of local -- um, local and Palm Beach County people who deal with, um, landscaping who will not turn down an opportunity to be able to come and bid. It just like when you go to a doctor and get a recommendation, you always get a second opinion. So when you're dealing with our -- or we're dealing with our taxpayer dollars, you want to make sure next time (inaudible) for better, get some more people to the table to see if we can have some competition. So that may save us some money, 'cause right now we got \$56,000 with a 10 percent change order possibility. This can always change later. If we had someone else to the table, we could have seen what money we could save here. But I need, um, tomorrow sometime, by noon, for you to e-mail me a copy of the list of the people that you do have, that you did send those (inaudible) out to.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: Yeah, yes. We'll get with Purchasing and --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: -- try and formulate something.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS JOHNSON: You're welcome.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any other Board comments? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Number 11.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 43-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing payment of Change Order Number 1 in the amount of \$157,403.97 to C Diversified, Inc. for extended services from September 1st, 2012, to February 28th, 2013, for sub consultant work, contract administration, and environmental services for the completion of Phase 1 of the Marina Project, authorizing the Director of Finance & Administrative services to make payments for same and providing an effective date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. We do have one comment card. Uh, Mr. Ward?

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 2135 Broadway. Well, I'm pleased to see that this got pulled, because it's -- it's well over \$100,000. Uh, I really think that you need a staff presentation as the first order of business for, uh, an agenda item. Uh, the timeliness of this is just atrocious. You have now documented in your agenda item summary, uh, that the funds for this project were expended by September of 2012. Now, if you have a typical contract administration you'd know somewhere in June of last year, uh, maybe even as early as a year ago this month, April, that -- that you were getting into straits on something.

Uh, I don't see how you could let this go at least six months over and then you're talking about spending money on another phase. Where is the work order documentation for Phase 2? Um, it just doesn't make good sense. And then you go and look sorta like, uh, Mr. Davis just got through talking about one bidder for a landscaping job in Riviera Beach where we have tons of landscaping companies working. Uh, every day down my street I see them.

I would tell you that you have notices from contractors' attention, payment is past due. Um, we're getting the reputation where we don't do things. This is an invoice dated September 11th, 2012, which is -- is -- it's not acceptable. Somewhere along the line you start asking questions as to why you come in with 157,000 more dollars on a contract in April of 2013, when you probably knew for sure in June that you had a problem.

Uh, this is what causes people not to want to work. And there is a real question as to whether some of this work can be authorized, because you represented to, uh, other agencies that you were complete last year. So I don't think that these monies could be compensated by grant agencies. You need to ask a lot of questions.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, Miss Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, sir. Thank you. Um, some of the same questions that Mr., um -- forgot his name --

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Ward.

GERALD WARD: Ward, Ward.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- Mr. Ward had, I also had, and I was hoping to get those questions answered prior to this evening, but I -- you know, I -- I'm -- I was just looking at the invoices, um, due dates from, uh -- one invoice was due and payable October 15th, another one September 11th, and another one was due and payable December 11th. And my question is: Is there a reason why these were -- these -- these invoices were held so long and weren't paid in a timely manner?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Good evening. Ed Legue, Marina Director. Um, first of all, some of the ones that you're looking at, uh, the invoices from, uh, Brannon & Gillespie [phonetic] and so forth --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: -- which one says August, those are subcontractors to our engineer, so the engineering firm paid them. He simply is giving us those invoices as back-up to his bill. His bill was -- his bills are dated, um, 12/29 --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: -- and 3/1 --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (Inaudible).

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: -- and I think 3/7.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Right.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: So -- and -- and still and all, I agree that's -- that's longer than it should be, um, quite frankly, but it's not all the way back to August and so forth.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So he went ahead and paid -- paid those bills --

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Oh, yeah, and that -- and that's standard. That's -- that's his subs to do that with.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. So is there a reason we didn't pay it since December?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Uh, quite frankly, uh, just -- just busy and -- and I --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: -- it just kinda got away from me --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: All right.

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: -- to be quite honest.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: That's fine. Thank you very much, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any other questions from the Board? Um, I -- I have one question. Um, why -- why do we have \$150,000 -- 157,000 plus dollars change order? That just seems like it's a little bit more than --

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Well, it -- it's not a -- we didn't exceed the budget for this contract. We exceeded the -- the work order that was in place, um, and -- and -- and that was on me, that I didn't, as Mr. Ward says, see it sooner and give you another work order to fill that gap. Um, so this is a combination of things. It's the -- that the job went, uh, longer than we anticipated in Work Order 2.

Uh, we asked, uh, uh, Mr. Sadler from C Diversified to increase the amount of construction administration that he did. He was there, uh, almost constantly; uh, whereas his -- his work order really didn't call for that. Um, so we asked for the work to be done. We have the product. And so now we've gotta pay our bills.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Where is this additional money? What phase is this additional money coming from?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: The --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You say you didn't exceed the budget, but --

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Right. It will -- it will come out --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- (inaudible) --

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: -- it will come out of, um -- it will come out of Phase 1 funding, and it is eligible for grant funding. It's not overdue and it has nothing with not getting, uh, the -- the job done on time or anything like that. So it will be -- it is already budgeted in Phase 1.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Is there any other Board member that would like to --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I have one other question, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- before I take you, Miss --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I -- I can wait.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no. Before I take Miss -- um, Miss Davis, you can go ahead.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I can -- I can wait till Miss Davis is complete.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You can go ahead, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, I know it's, um, like I say, we're looking at \$157,000 and you have just told us that you were busy. You're telling the taxpayers that we have \$157,000 of work sitting on your desk. We have to prioritize -- we have to prioritize our taxpayer dollars. Stuff like this, business -- business like this is the reason why people don't want to come to Riviera Beach and conduct business. We have to maintain some form of professionalism. Um, I can't support this. I mean, I think it's an item that we need to look at, um, tabling.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Davis. Miss Pardo, do you have anything?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: No. The only thing I'll say is, we need to remember, it's not like C Diversified was a fly-by-night company. Those guys went above and beyond for the City of Riviera Beach, and you go out there and take a look at the marina now, and look at the product that they were able to give us, along with Murphy Construction.

So, you know, you want to scold Mr. Legue, fine. I'll be the first one to scold him, and he knows that. But you have to look at the product. You have to look at what they were going through. You know? There's a lot that, you know, some people don't know what was going on with this entire project. So should the bills have been in front of us earlier? Absolutely. And you'll get your whipping afterwards --

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Thank you, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- Mr. Legue, but you know, seriously, these bills need to come before us, but you need to remember what they were doing down there and -- and again, kudos to C Diversified.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Pardo. Anything, Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Nothing other than the fact that I concur with some of the comments that have been made, but I keep in mind an obligation that we have as a city once we enter into agreements, and it does reflect us when if we appear to be reluctant to hold up our end, be it late. So I would hope that we would be mindful that when we enter into an agreement, there are other business people that may be watching to see if we are actually upholding our end of the deal.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Miss Davis, you have the floor.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, thank you, sir. Um, this is just a kind of question, not -- it is related to this somewhat. There was a lot of sand that was dredged and, um, it was placed along Bicentennial Park in different places. Um, I thought at one time we were gonna be using that sand to level Bicentennial. And then it disappeared. Um, what happened to it?

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: Um, the contract --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Was it sold or --

MARINA DIRECTOR LEGUE: No, no. Uh, we, uh -- well, actually, John?

JOHN SPRAGUE: Let me answer your question. John Sprague, for the record.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Hi, Mr. Sprague.

JOHN SPRAGUE: Um --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: It's good to see you.

JOHN SPRAGUE: -- answer in several parts. Um, first of all, there was some concerns when the sand was going to come out as to whether or not it had anything in it. You know, we've got a marina that, you know, (inaudible) stuff comes out and whatever. We've got a storm drain that's near there. Or actually, we have five of them. Uh, so any oil spills or anything else that occur upland -- so things have a tendency to sometimes get in the bottom. Um, when you go to test stuff like that it's very hard, because you're talking about dredging a pretty good sized area. So you could take borings here, there, and elsewhere and not come up with anything.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

JOHN SPRAGUE: But the sections in between them may have something in them. So because of those concerns, secondly is, we said, Well, where are we gonna put all that sand? There was a concern with the park. You know, it looks nice or whatever, and for us to come and dump all this dirt on top of it and start blowing or whatever. And we had to get rid of it. This stuff was coming in on land and boxed us in.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

JOHN SPRAGUE: So --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah, I know. There was a lot of it.

JOHN SPRAGUE: -- actually I -- I think we made a deal that basically it wouldn't cost us anything to get rid of it if they'd take it out.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Who, uh -- okay. So we didn't --

JOHN SPRAGUE: The contractor --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (Inaudible) or anything?

JOHN SPRAGUE: It was just, we had nothing to do with it. Contractor found somebody else, and they took it out.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay, wow.

JOHN SPRAGUE: So we didn't have to pay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. Thank you. It's good to see you again, sir.

JOHN SPRAGUE: Yes, ma'am. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Davis, are you --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, if there's no other questions or concerns or unreadiness, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: No.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with Councilperson T. Davis dissenting.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Item 13B.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: A resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application for \$850,000 for municipal marina remediation for Construction Phase 2 under the Boating Infrastructure Grant Program administered by the Florida Fish &

Wildlife Commission and upon notification of award, accept the grant and authorize the Director of Finance & Administrative services to establish the budget and provide an effective date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. I don't have any comment cards. Oh, yes, I do. I'm sorry. Mr. Ward.

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 2135 Broadway. I had already written a card for public comments when this got pulled. I, uh, uh, but now it gives me a double bite at the apple in that this is obnoxious to have something show up as an add-on. This is a -- a long established program. You have touted in your news letters about how you got money from these same folks. Um, I think once or twice now, at least.

So we pay somebody six grand a month to administer this. We pay a marina manager to administer him. Somewhere along the line you need to see that all of this gets done in a timely manner. Nobody has the benefit of seeing what the application, um, package is, what the resolution is, uh, so it's -- add-ons are absolutely obnoxious and are getting you in trouble progressively.

You -- you've already had item 2 tonight. Um, that is -- is based upon not having adequate documentation back, uh, 2008, 2009, 2010. Uh, things went wrong, and the public didn't get to have their oar in the water. So this is -- we don't know what this 850,000 is to be used for in specifics, and when we get to Item 18, the back-up is even further, uh, lacking for, um, bigger numbers of \$225,000 for Phases 2, 3, and 4 of the marina.

Who knows what this is doing? I heard tonight, overheard some things that are amazing. So let's get things back on track around here and do things in a timely manner, not add-ons. Seven days ago this should have been in, uh, the City Manager's hand for adding to the agenda, and Mr. Jones, Danny Jones, has an excellent system for putting it up so people can review it. We need to use it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Um, 13B was pulled by Councilman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, I agree with Mr. Ward. This an item I haven't had a chance to look over. Neither have the residents had a chance to look over, and I think it's something that this board needs to consider tabling so everyone have ample time to do their research and ask the questions they need before we make a decision on this item.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. I think I saw --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Miss Pardo next. Miss Pardo, you have the floor.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes. Okay. Thank you. Um, if you all recall, we did get a grant from Big P, from, um, Florida -- well, this is a federal grant. We got a grant for \$1,050,000 which helped us in our leveraging of the County's \$5,000,000. And because of that we were able to put -- we were able to instead of just renovating the marina and putting a Band-Aid on the marina, we were able to really upgrade the marina with new -- new docks, and you know, you all know what we did down there.

So, you know, Mr., um, Sprague, thank you for finding the grant again and -- and, um, realizing that we were still eligible for more money. And I -- you know, I understand that we would all like to see this, um, much sooner but, you know, circumstances happen. We know, you know, there's issues going on with Mr. Sprague and he is our grant writer, so if we can get this in under the deadline, that's great. Um, I'm very supportive. It's more money, and this will allow us to finish Phase 2 and, you know, Phase 3 and 4. So I am in favor, you know. Any free money we can get, bring it in. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Pardo. Are there any other questions?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I have a question to the City Manager just for clarification. Isn't this item just an application for potential grant funds?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So it's -- it's no detriment to the City by submitting it or the timely issues, as long as we get it under that window of the deadline.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, sir. The application deadline is April the 14th. Um, we did not find out about this grant until late, and as Miss Pardo said, we would like to capitalize on every opportunity that we have out there to get additional grant monies to continue with the development.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Thank you, Mr. Chair. And --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- and I would just like to add that anywhere we can get potential funds from, we need to be aggressive and assertive, and sometime it may be at the last minute, but it's really not a detriment to the community by going after funds, and I'm in full support of it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any other questions, concerns, unreadiness from the board members? I'll just add that, um, I am happy to see that we did find an opportunity to get some funds. Of course, there's no guarantee, but we're -- we're glad that we, you know, are still looking for grants, you know, that you don't have to pay back. I'm not even sure we even have to match this particular grant. But, um, I'm just glad to -- you know, that -- that we still have these opportunities and we still trying to find, uh, you know, ways to, um, you know, get free money in. So with that being said, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, that's going to end our Consent. We'll go right into awards and presentations, Item 14. While they're getting ready, I'd like to make sure that, um, anyone who would like to speak in public comment, this is the time to, um, fill out your pink comment card. Uh, we have a time certain for public comments, which is at 7. No additional comment cards will be taken after 7:00. Also, would you please silence your audio devices so that they don't interfere with our meeting? Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'm going to ask that staff may try to read the back-up here. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

SHAVONA SIMS: Good evening. I'm Shavona Sims from the Human Resources Department. I would like for Miss Patricia Armour to come up, please. She's one of our retirees from the Fire Department. I'll read a synopsis from her department. Captain Patricia Armour retired December 31st, 2012, from Riviera Beach Fire Rescue. She began her Fire service career on February 16th, 1992, when she was hired as a

firefighter. In October, 1993, Captain Armour took on the responsibility of promoting and organizing Fire Rescue's First Annual Fire Safety Awareness Fair.

For 10 years she organized and brought together Fire Service organizations, outside private and social services entities during a full day of fun and educational activities for the citizens of Riviera Beach.

On March 5th, 2001, she was promoted to the position of Captain in the Fire Prevention Division. Her duties included conducting fire inspections and promoting safety in both new and existing structures in the city. Captain Armour holds a State of Florida Fire Fighter Certification, Emergency Medical Technician, and is certified as a Fire Inspector.

During the course of her Fire Service career, she attended numerous Fire Service courses and participated in countless hours of training. Just recently she was named 2012 Fire Inspector of the Year, by the Fire Marshal's Association of Palm Beach County.

Throughout her career, Captain Armour conducted various community outreach programs that included Fire Safety for Adults, and the ever-popular Puppet Show For Children. She was responsible for securing grant funding for the purchase of a two-story Fire Safety Trailer that promoted a realistic portable home-like arrangement (inaudible) the delivery of the fire safety programs within the community.

She also was the Department's representative in the Juvenile Fire Starter Program that worked with children involving cases where there were -- where they made poor decisions related to the dangers of fire. Her strong support and commitment to fire prevention and education has contributed to making our community safer. In addition, she has worked alongside the investigators of the State Fire Marshal's Office on numerous fires and arson cases.

MAYOR MASTERS: Captain Armour's service and dedication to serving the citizens of Riviera Beach will surely be missed. Therefore, we wish you well in all future endeavors. Just keep doing what you're doing, serving the people. God bless you. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Captain Armour, please.

CAPTAIN PATRICIA ARMOUR: Wow. I just want to say thank you, um, to the City of Riviera Beach and to the citizens for allowing me to serve you through these almost 21 years, um, that I was here. Um, the things that I have, um, learned here, I have been able to take, um, to another height. Um, I am now, um, working with the Seminole Tribes, um, of Florida Fire Rescue. So a lot them -- and they came after me because of the things that they heard of what I've done here in Riviera Beach. So -- and I talk about Riviera Beach all the time -- anything, so you're well known.

But I do thank everyone here. And I also have to say this again, I thank, um, Chief Richard Wester for taking that chance on hiring me, um, and giving me a career here with the City of Riviera Beach. Okay? So thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. For as quiet as it kept, Captain Armour was the one who originally got me, um, involved in the fire program, um, being on that float in the parade in 1993. So if you want to blame anyone for my interests, you probably could blame Captain Armour. No, I'm just joking. Go ahead, Mr. Mayor.

SHAVONA SIMS: Okay. I would like for Mr. Robert McCray to come up, please. Division Chief Robert McCray retired on October 30th, 2012, from Riviera Beach Fire Rescue. He began his Fire Service career on November 15th, 1982, when he was hired as a firefighter. On February 8th, 1992 he was promoted to the position of Driver-Engineer. His duties included the operation of Fire Department apparatus and ensuring the safety transport of personnel and equipment to emergencies.

On October 28th, 1993, Captain -- I'm sorry -- Division Chief McCray was again promoted to Fire Lieutenant on March 16th, 1995. That position was reclassified to Fire Captain to encompass the additional responsibilities. Finally, he was promoted to the position of Division Chief of Operations, Shift Supervisor, on December 16th, 1999. The duties of this position include managing the daily fire protection and emergency medical services provided by emergency apparatus, equipment, and personnel at the City's four fire stations strategically located throughout the City. In short, he managed the response to emergencies, covering the entire City, and to outside governmental entities where we provide services.

Division Chief McCray is certified by the State of Florida as a firefighter and emergency medical technician. During the course of his Fire Service career he attended numerous fire service courses and participated in countless hours of training. While he received a number of awards and letters of commendation, his legacy will be the many young firefighters he inspired to join the Fire Service. While some are still employed by the City of Riviera Beach, a closer look at other local fire departments, you will also find that some received their first Fire Service job here in the City of Riviera Beach after being mentored by Division Chief McCray. During his career he received outstanding performance reviews from his supervisors and maintained an attendance record that most can only hope to achieve.

MAYOR MASTERS: Division Chief McCray is a current and lifelong resident of Riviera Beach and truly serves as an advocate for this City and all it has to offer. And let me digress for a moment to let you -- to just remind you that Councilperson Judy Davis and I have not forgotten you, that we do want to name that park after Sadie McCray for all that she had done in that neighborhood, for that whole area.

The leadership that you have displayed within the department will be truly missed, and the employees at Riviera Beach Fire Rescue wish you well, with the best with this retirement. May God bless you and give you perfect peace. We do have, uh, a plaque to present to you on behalf of the Council and the City staff and the Mayor. We also have a great big box. I don't know what it is, but I can assure you it is not a weapon of mass destruction.

SHAVONA SIMS: Thank you.

DIVISION CHIEF MCCRAY: Wow. Five months in retirement, here I am. I'd like to thank the City of Riviera Beach. I will continue to be a servant even without a capacity to fill, because I am dedicated to this city. I born here, raised here, all my life. I truly live, work, and play in Riviera Beach. Judy, Bruce, know it better than anybody. We lived across the street from one another. The bottom line is, I appreciate all y'all coming out and showing such patience. Ronjalique [phonetic] did this, and she said, "You look nervous. You never nervous. You always have something to say." I'm the mouth. But I am short on words, but I really appreciate you guys coming out and supporting me, and I will continue to serve as a public servant and remind you, I'm not a perfect servant, a public servant. My strive is perfection, and no one is perfect, so if I strive for the highest, I will fall among the stars.

Appreciate you guys up there. Thank you. Thank you, Ronjalique. Thank you my brother, Nathaniel McCray to show me this career back in 1978. I don't know if he's here or not. But that's who exposed it to me and I carried on and I really appreciate it. Thank you, Chief Perry. I saw him back there somewhere. Thank you, Chief. Appreciate it. I will say no more.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, D.C.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I've known -- Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh, uh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I heard Mr. Guyton first.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Go ahead. I'll -- I'll --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I heard Mr. Guyton first. Go ahead, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I yield to Miss Davis. Well, I would just like to commend my friend, childhood neighbor. Um, Robert and I -- we know him as DaDa [phonetic] -- that's the nickname. Uh, his mother and my mother were close, close friends. She would put about 10 of us in the car and take us to football games. Uh, I mean, it was one memorable experience out there.

DIVISION CHIEF MCCRAY: Absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And, um, as we grew up through the years, DaDa was part of -- and I say that -- you say just a reflection -- but, uh, Robert was part of an organization that we started. He's truly committed to the community. It was called People Increasing Community Awareness.

DIVISION CHIEF MCCRAY: PICA.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: PICA. And he was an active member and he was part of the inspiration when I ran the first time, and I'd just like to commend and thank Robert for all of his service, not just to the City in your firefighter capacity, but what you do outside of that, as well, and I wish you much luck, my friend.

DIVISION CHIEF MCCRAY: Thank you. Appreciate it, Bruce.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, um, DaDa. Why don't you have your family stand, please?

DIVISION CHIEF MCCRAY: Family please stand. And friends. Extended family, please stand. Those who came out to support, I appreciate you. Love you guys.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Love you, too.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Wow. Congratulations, D.C. McCray. Okay.

DIVISION CHIEF MCCRAY: Thank you. Appreciate it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, we're gonna have Item 15, a proclamation from the Office of the Mayor. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yes. I'm going to ask our esteemed librarian to read it and I'll claim it.

LIBRARIAN CYNTHIA COBB: Proceed? Good evening. My name is Cynthia Cobb. I'm the director of the library, Municipal Library. Uh, the proclamation from the Office of the Mayor, City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida. Whereas National Library Week sponsored by the American Library Association is typically observed each year during the second full week in April by libraries across the country, and whereas the Riviera Beach Public Library is the heart of the community, continuously growing and evolving in how the library provides for the needs of every member of the community, hosting special events to highlight the unique role libraries play in peoples' lives, and whereas our library and librarians bring together community members to enrich and shape the community, meeting the changing needs of the community, and while addressing local issues, and whereas our library works to provide resources for everyone, taking services outside of library walls, and provides trained, tech savvy professionals, computer literacy classes, and access to downloadable content, like eBooks, and whereas the Riviera Beach Public Library wants to encourage all children, teens, and adults to help celebrate National Library Week this year and years to follow; now, therefore, be it resolved --

MAYOR MASTERS: That I, Thomas A. Masters, the Mayor of the City of Riviera Beach, Florida, by the power vested in me by the residents of this great city, I do hereby proclaim April 14th through the 20th, 2013, as National Library Week in the City of Riviera Beach. I call upon all residents of this great city to join me in supporting the

library's aims and goals in raising awareness of the importance of services offered at our library. I encourage all residents to visit the library during National Library Week and to take full advantage of the wonderful library resources that are available, and to embrace the 2013 theme, which is "Communities Matter at Your Library." In witness where have I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of this City of Riviera Beach to be affixed on this 3rd day of April, 2013. Carrie E. Ward, Master, Master Clerk, City Clerk, Thomas A. Masters, Mayor. I proclaim this week Library Week in the City of Riviera Beach. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you, Mayor. Mayor, we're going to, um, if -- if it's okay with the Board, we're gonna move 17A before your next, uh, presentation.

MAYOR MASTERS: Which -- 17A is?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're gonna move 17A before your next presentation

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So we're going to move 17A before 16.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Is that the, um -- is that the one with the --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Um, if it's okay with you, Mr. Chair, the, um, Moroccan delegation that's here came all the way from Orlando, and they'll -- they're going to be going right back, so as soon as you get to them --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I under -- I -- right -- right after that we'll -- we'll take that presentation.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. I appreciate it. So you want me to stay on down here, then, I guess.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You can be wherever you wish.

MS. IRVIN: Good evening. Eureka Irvin, Department of Human Resources.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Get in the mic.

MS. IRVIN: The City of Riviera Beach recently celebrated its 29th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and at this time we would like to present our honorees with a plaque during -- during the course of the celebrations, as well as the, um, winners of the, uh, parade, um, entries. At this time I would like to call up our Grand Marshall, Mr. - - I'm sorry -- Elder Herman McCray, Senior Citizen of the Year Mr. David Cross, our Citizen of the Year, Miss Cynthia Beckton, and the Youth of the Year, Miss Summer Shepherd-Thomas. Okay. There were six, um, categories for the parade.

MAYOR MASTERS: We're finished with these people?

MS. IRVIN: Yes. We are finished. Thank you all. If our parade, uh, entries will come up rather quickly for us, please, I'm gonna call you up right away. For our bands we have Bear Lakes Middle School. Is there a representative from Bear Lakes? Roosevelt Middle School Marching Band? Palm Beach Lake High School Marching Band. Suncoast High School Band. We're gonna move on to our car categories. Our third place winner in the category of car would be the Association of Black Social Workers.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are any of these representatives here, or if you're outside you might want to come in at this time if you're here for this. Go ahead.

MS. IRVIN: Okay. Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority is our second place winner, and our third place winner --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Whoa. She -- she said -- she -- she's here.

MAYOR MASTERS: Sigma is always here.

MS. IRVIN: Our first place winner is Inlet Grove Dramatic Effect Dance Team.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Irvin, I'm gonna ask you to slow down a little bit. People put a lot of money and time into this parade. Let's make sure they get recognized properly. We'll get to that next item as soon as we can get to it, but let's not rush that. They participated at home. We want to make sure we recognize them properly.

MS. IRVIN: All right. Our Commercial Units, our third place winner is Timothy E. Kitchens Funeral Home

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, we always say, when God over take you, let Kitchens undertake you.

MS. IRVIN: Nelson's Outreach Ministry, they're our second place winner. Okay. Bust A Move is our first place winner in the Commercial Unit category. And now in the categories of Float, we have Jay Outreach Ministry as our third place winner. Second place winner is Zidafold [phonetic] Entertainment. And in the category of Float, our first place winner is the Campaign For Cedrick Thomas.

MAYOR MASTERS: And our chair, Cedrick Thomas, did a little dance being the drum major. You've been asked to make sure you do that step.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Right.

MS. IRVIN: Now for the category of SUV, our third place winner is Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is -- is -- is there a representative here for Phi Beta Sigma. If not, I will also accept that award, being a proud member of Phi Beta Sigma.

MS. IRVIN: Our second place winner for the SUV is Mothers Against Murderers Association.

MAYOR MASTERS: Madam Chair, President Ann Williams is not here but I will accept it on behalf of Mothers Against Murderers. I know her very well.

MS. IRVIN: And for SUV, the first place winner is Kappa Epsilon Chapter of the Omega Psi Fraternity, Incorporated. No dogs in the house.

MAYOR MASTERS: You gonna take that one, too?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, I'll -- I'll let the City retain that one and give it to the proper people.

MS. IRVIN: Okay. In the category of truck, our third place winner is, again, Zidafold Entertainment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: You racking up.

MS. IRVIN: Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Incorporated, second place winner.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'll take that one, as well.

MS. IRVIN: And in the category of Truck, our first place winner is the Riviera Beach Maritime Academy.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, this school was very deserving. They're one of our -- one of our A schools, and they have come a long ways, and they continue to make tremendous progress. Give them another hand.

MS. IRVIN: At this time I would just like to acknowledge our announcers during the parade. We want to thank Miss Danielle Jones and Mr. Montigue Greene [phonetic] for doing an outstanding job, as well as our judges, Mr. Jeff Gagnon of our Community Development Department, Miss Cynthia Morrow [phonetic] and Mr. Art Cobb. And also if there are any committee members who served on the committee, if you are here, please stand. Okay. I'm sorry. I skipped some folks. Back to the parade. For -- in the category of Van, the third place winners is the Neighbors United, Incorporated. Okay. In the Van we have, again, Mothers Against Murderers Association as our second place winners.

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll -- I'll get that one later.

MS. IRVIN: And for Van, our first place winner is St. James Baptist Church, Order my Steps. Now to our last category of walking group. We have Inlet Grove Dramatic Effect Dance Team as our third place winners. H.L. Watkins Middle School Cheerleaders as

our second place winners. And the first place winner for the Walking Groups is Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Incorporated, Bee-Ettes Senord Youth Group.

Again, I would like to thank all of our parade participants and we hope to see you again next year. Also, we want to make one quick little announcement regarding the MLK, uh, for our 30th celebration, if, uh, any community members are interested in, uh, um, serving on the committee, please contact the Department of Human Resources. Again, thank you and congratulations to all of our participants.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. And I echo those sentiments. Um, next we'll have 16, um, presentation from the Office of the Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, uh, Mr. Chair. Um, over a year ago, as you know, the Moroccan Delegation was here. Um, we established relations, a relationship with the, uh -- the, uh, country of Morocco. The government and I think Miss Davis attended with me at Newcomb Hall. They were doing some immigration and, um, they were given the -- um, the key to the City, and from that relationship it has continued. So they will speak for themselves tonight, the, um, leader.

JAMILA MIMI BRADLEY: Good evening, everybody. And for the record, Jamila Mimi Bradley. I'm really honored to be back again on Riviera Beach. And first of all I'm here to offer a special invitation for Mayor Thomas for all the work and also congratulate him on his fourth term. We have been really happy and we have been supporting that even from Orlando.

So as official of the Moroccan Delegation of the Moroccan community in Florida, we are extending the invitation for Mr. Mayor Thomas, at no cost of the city, and that convention will take place in Marrakesh, Morocco. This convention will be addressing the crisis of the crime and violence and how it affect the Sahari [phonetic] women and children (inaudible) Sahara. And again, the total trip costs of the trip is paid by the government of Morocco.

We are so honored to be in the praises again over here and to be (inaudible) the previous proclamation and friendship between both countries that we received on 2011. As you know, Mr. Mayor is proposing a resolution in support of Obama's national campaign calling the federal government to reduce crimes and violence through the passage of Safe Community. The Safe Act, of course, we all know and we all support, especially as mothers, and if you see our delegation, most of them they're women. So we do support a lot of that, and also for the Fix Gun Checks Act of 2013.

We will continue to put Riviera Beach on the map, and his presence in that convention will be really a good asset to us, because all of his knowledge on this, you know, uh -- I'm sorry -- in these matters, and also as incredible ambassador of this City. And again, we thank you very much for your time and taking your time to take -- to meet with us again one more time. I know we're hoping we're having more programs that we can -- we're working on it right now, and the director of the -- this delegation, gonna put her name also with us.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Good evening, everyone.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Good evening.

UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: First of -- first of all, let me congratulate, uh, Mr. Mayor Thomas on your fourth, uh, term. It's been always an honor working with you, with your office. You did show us not only support but also an open arm of all concerned that our community is facing in Florida. Looking forward to keep up in this fashion, not only on violence against women, children, health care, social, ecumenical, and especially human rights. As we all know how strong you are and this will thank you again in the name of all Moroccan residents in Florida.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

JAMILA MIMI BRADLEY: I have this VIP invitation for Mr. Mayor, if you would like to accept that, please?

MAYOR MASTERS: I'll accept anything that's free.

JAMILA MIMI BRADLEY: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Anywhere in the world, talking about human rights, violence against children. That's me.

JAMILA MIMI BRADLEY: You earned it, and thank you again, everybody.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you so much.

JAMILA MIMI BRADLEY: Thank you. They're all set. Thank you.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, um, let me just thank the Moroccan Delegation, those that came all the way from Orlando just to present this, and to explain what this means to the City of Riviera Beach. Uh, I will accept. I'm looking forward to, uh, going to Morocco as a guest of the government of Morocco -- Morocco, and I'm so honored that, um, they think enough of us to, um, pay for all this, the airfare and the hotel and the food. I'm allergic to seafood and nuts, so make sure they don't have either because that -- that would be a problem for me.

But while there, and speaking in -- in addition to speaking on human rights and violence against children, we also want to meet some investors, um, because we're always looking for opportunities, people to come here and invest in our city as well as tourists to come to Riviera Beach, which is the best waterfront city in which to live, work, and play, and to come and invite the mayor to go to Morocco. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We're going to now go directly to our comment, uh, public comment section of our agenda. Um, please be reminded that the City Council

has adopted a set of rules of decorum governing public conduct during official meetings, which has been posted at the entrance of the City Council chambers.

In an effort to preserve order, if any of these rules are not adhered to, the Council Chair may have any disruptive speaker removed from the podium, from the meeting, and/or the building if necessary. Please govern yourselves accordingly. Okay. We're gonna take the first card. I'm gonna take Summer first, just in case she has to go to school tomorrow.

SUMMER: Good evening, Chair, Mayor --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good evening.

SUMMER: Good evening, Chairperson Thomas, Mayor, City Manager, and City Attorney Paula Ryan -- Pamala Ryan. Excuse me. I would like to just start out by thanking all of my supporters and mentors for always lending me a helping hand in time of need. I would like to congratulate Chairperson, Council -- uh, Councilperson Bruce Guyton and Councilperson Terrence Davis on their win.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you.

SUMMER: You're welcome. And I would like to also thank Miss Judy Davis for the lovely suits that she gave me. I'm wearing one. And I would, last but not least, like to thank my grandmother, who has helped me from time -- from the time I was born till now, and if it wasn't for her I wouldn't be the person I am today. Once again, thank you, everyone.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you, Summer. Um, next we'll have -- at this time we will -- we will no longer accept anymore comment cards. We do have a few. Um, we're gonna still allow you three minutes and when you hear that buzzer, please be finishing. Um, the first person that we'll take will be Bessie Brown.

BESSIE BROWN: Hello. Bessie Brown, City of Riviera Beach. Um, I'd like to make a statement about, uh, it is time for Council to codify a November, 2010, referendum with no delay. And I think -- I think there was an article in the paper about, uh, calling a -- a State audit for Delray Beach. And I specifically am in -- am in favor of calling for a State audit for our CRA. Our CRA won't actually call for, uh -- won't actually use Treasure -- use, uh -- use Treasure Coast's direct outline for what the citizens already wanted, and currently our CRA is calling groups of people who live and don't live in the City to create a charette to get consultants to agree with giving the City to Viking.

And the -- and the notification on that -- because I was one of those people -- notified, uh, was the morning of the Charette and after -- after being present, it was, um -- they already had had a tour, bus tour around the, um -- to West Palm Beach, Lake Worth, and Delray Beach. So you know, that -- it's -- it's just half -- it was just -- I'm gonna say

(inaudible). It was -- it was just not, uh, giving everybody the opportunity to -- to -- to, uh, be a part of this.

So it's, you know, the CRA really needs to be, um, respectful of the citizens of Riviera Beach because it was way, um, more citizens that lived or didn't live here and you know, they're -- they're making, um -- they're making decisions on what kind of -- what -- what we have here in Riviera Beach, and the citizens, (inaudible) and nothing is really being done in the City pertaining to, um, redevelopment. Anything east of Broadway, it's nothing happening. No -- no conversation.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Um, next we'll have Lloyd Brown.

BESSIE BROWN: I just want to clarify that. West of Broadway.

LLOYD BROWN: Hello. Uh, I would like to say hello to Miss Pardo, because she's the only individual that ever came to me and asked me did I have any problems. I don't know about these other brothers that's on the committee, but none of them never came to me and asked me anything. I appreciate that. And I still see that wood over there you were talking about. But they wanna fine me for my garbage can being out too long. You know what I'm saying?

It's like I'm not a radical, and I'm not an activist, but I'm only speaking the truth. Since you guys been here it's like musical chairs. When the music playing you running around, and then you hop in your seats and wait on the music again. You don't do anything, like the lady just said who left, you don't do anything. Well, Miss Pardo was the only lady came to me.

And then, you know, when I go downtown to go up in a restaurant and I see these city council members sitting in there eating, and then they talking about the community. I mean, on 25th Street, or wherever it is, that's not right. But then you want to stick a sign in somebody's yard, but you don't even cater to your own businesses. I mean, there's no neighborhood.

Since you people have been in here, 70 percent of the black businesses are disappearing. They still disappearing. We losing the city with y'all. I don't think -- I -- the musical chairs, that's all it is, 'cause you don't really do anything. You don't do anything at all, and that's a shame. Just like the lady was saying.

But thank you, Miss Pardo. You're the only individual, and you white, that asked me did I have any problems? And I mean, I can't understand that. I was in the military, and when I was in the military you could go from one individual to the next. You can go all the way up to the White House. If it wasn't for President Obama, I would burn my voter's registration card when it come to voting for y'all.

So I tell you like this, I'm gone. And you don't have to worry about me voting for you. If I can vote for Miss Pardo, I would, but other than that, the blacks that came in, they

destroyed our city, and they're still doing it, and that's all I can say. I speak for the truth. And thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. David Cross?

DAVID CROSS: David Cross, 1030 Sugar Sands. Uh, welcome to our new, uh, arrivals at the dais and welcome to familiar faces. I had, uh, quite a long speech prepared, but in the interest of time, I'm just going to be very brief. You guys, five council members and the mayor, are responsible -- I -- I consider you as the board of directors for the \$47 million company, Riviera Beach, Inc. It's up to you to make it the best city to live, work, and play. And right now we are lagging behind in many, many categories. Dollars spent (inaudible), and I can go on and on. You've heard it before from me many times.

I just ask you to make sure that your priority, councilpersons and the mayor, is to make Riviera Beach best in class. I know you all get involved in your, uh, projects, um, which the citizens -- we all appreciate. But your job is to make this city work efficiently and for the best benefits of all the residents and citizens. Please, please remember that. And welcome.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments, Mr. Cross. Next will be Reverend Burrs.

REVEREND BURRS: Mr. Chairman, Mayor, City Manager, Council, Reverend William H. Burrs, 2542 Canterbury Drive South, Riviera Beach. I'd like to -- uh, I've been getting -- getting some calls from different people concerning the development at the marina. I tell them first thing y'all need to do is recognize the fact that the judge ruled in our favor three times concerning our referendum, and you all will not have the decency to recognize that by codifying our referendum. You want to talk but you don't want to do the things that is right.

If -- if you lose, you lose. You shouldn't try to hide the fact that you lost. The judge ruled in our favor. If you want to move forward, then sit down and do the right thing first. Codify. Accept the fact that the judge did rule in our favor. Do that. And, uh, this is not -- that referendum was not the citizen -- Riviera Beaches and Task Force referendum. That was the citizens over all referendum. It's not ours. So when you disrespect that, you're disrespecting all the citizens of Riviera Beach, those what voted for that referendum. So why don't you just come to -- come to grips with yourself that it's been ruled in our favor, the citizen's favor, and move forward.

Now, the Citizens of Riviera Beach Task Force, people's been thinking or saying, come in saying that we don't want the -- the marina developed. Yes, we do. We want it developed more than anybody in this city, but we want to be in control of some of the money that is going to be generated from that development of the marina.

People are saying, How could it be done? Simple. I give an illustration to somebody. I says, If you want to build a home you first get your land, get your plans drawn, get your engineer, and then you get you a contractor to give you a price on building the house.

Then you go to the bank and borrow the money. Then you build a house and you stay in it or rent it out. Your choice. That's all we're saying about the marina. Develop the marina and we stay in control of the marina. We gave away our (inaudible) department. We gave away -- we, uh, done losing money on the, uh, Ocean Mall. And now we want the last major piece of property on the East Coast, marina gonna lose all the most of the benefit from that.

We understand that y'all want to try to put out another referendum, spend taxpayers' money to get another election to try to overturn. But okay, that's your choice. But for the meantime, you lost. Let's move forward on the -- uh, on the referendum. So if you don't understand the language of the referendum, most of the citizen did. The judge said it was clear. So why is it that those peoples down there in the CRA can't understand the -- the language of the marina?

So let's move forward and stop bickering and stop trying to pretend that it's the Citizen's, uh, Task Force holding up the progress. It's not us. It's you all.

Now, another thing that I -- I was disturbed about and no -- nothing against anyone else. Our new department head. When they was talking about the gentleman from the, uh, marina forgotten about to -- or, uh, uh -- to notify y'all of pay a bill and et cetera. I've known general employees who are suspended and sometimes fired for less issues as that. So get your -- get some true, or some rules that will apply to everybody regardless of whether their general employee or department head or whoever. If that was a general employee forgot to do their job on time, they would have been disciplined or fired.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Reverend Burrs.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, Miss Pardo, I'd rather you not, but if you must?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I must, because two people brought it up already and Miss, um, Ryan, can you just, you know, um, address the codification of the first referendum, please, and tell us, you know -- tell us what's going on.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'd rather you not, but if you must, you have a section on the agenda and we should not be holding up people who want to speak and get out at a decent time for that. But a Councilperson did ask, so go right ahead.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay. Um, the Court did grant, um, partial summary judgment to the Task Force. Um, the judge has not entered a final judgment in the case. Um, the Task Force has, uh, I believe, set a, um, status check for an 8:45 -- um, I was checking my calendar just now -- I think they're trying to set it for April 10th. But until we get the final judgment, um, we are not required to do anything, um, particularly since, um, there was some issues that were outstanding in the case. Um, keep in mind,

Council, that the -- um, the lawsuit filed by the Task Force was not only against the City, but it was also against, um, individual council members, and although the judge intimated that, um, um, the issues had no merit, um, he did not actually enter a final judgment in the City's favor.

So the case is not over until we have the final judgment in hand, and the City does not have that in hand. Um, as soon as the City receives the final judgment and whatever that final judgment says is what the City will do, unless the City Council decides to appeal or do something else. And the -- the City certainly has the, um -- the opportunity to appeal. But you can't appeal an order granting summary judgment. You have to appeal a final judgment. You have to, um, codify -- if we're gonna codify, codify from the final judgment. So, um, the -- this -- the staff has not brought that back for this consideration of the City Council, um, because that final judgment has not yet been entered.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Um, Mr. Earl Davis?

EARL DAVIS: Earl Davis, West Fourth Street, Riviera Beach. Let me begin by saying, uh, thank God, and I want to thank some individuals because for the last two and a half months my family and I really, really went through something. You have to go through what we went through to know what I'm talking about. But anyway, uh, Miss Ruth Jones, the Chief of Police, Miss Brooks is not here, I want to say thank you for your prayers, your phone calls, your donation, and whatever you did to make this more comfortable. And also, I would like to thank Miss Judy Davis and Mr. Terrence Davis for the same thing, but the difference is they came by my house and talked to me four or five times during this ordeal, and I want to know the family and I really thank you guys.

And last but not least I must say he's also my friend and my mayor. From the first person that passed in my family, the Mayor been there for every one of them. He would come by. He would call me just about every day or every other day, along with his donations. And sometime he would come and he would say, "Mr. Davis, are you okay?" And I would always say, "Yeah." But even now I'm not okay. But I just want to say thank you, guys. You don't know how much my family and I really appreciate it.

And last but not least, I would like to say to the District 3 Councilperson, Cedrick Thomas, Cedrick, we have supported you, I don't know, two or three times, but anyway, whatever. This afternoon downstairs it was like five more citizens there. They didn't like the way you talked to me and I didn't like the way you talked to me, but we was on City property. If I'd have been on my property, it would have been different. But anyway, I just want to let you know, Cedric, I talked to some of my members of the Southside Coalition, and we were trying to figure out yesterday what have you did to help us all this time we got you bagging off of -- we couldn't come up with one thing that you've did to help us.

You've set up meetings with the Southside here at City Hall. No show. If we call you to do anything, there's no phone calls returned. You told me downstairs today, "I've been on vacation for a week." Big deal. Who cares? Everybody go on vacation. Before I retired I had five weeks vacation every year. But you better watch how you speak to people. You not gonna always we able to sit in that seat, because the same peoples that put you in that seat, they can get you out that seat. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Miss Mary Brabham?

MARY BRABHAM: Good evening. Miss Mary Brabham.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening.

MARY BRABHAM: Riviera Beach. First of all, I would like to say, um, I thank the Council for working due diligently in helping us out on the West Side. We were in the Chambers here on March the 8th, and we had great or better residents to come in. What's happening out there to us is horrific. Very much horrific. We knew that FDOT was coming, but like I've always said, along with all the other residents, it's not how -- it's not how they were coming, but what they were doing in their coming.

I have to say this, because a spade is a spade, and when it's black, it's black, and when it's white, it's white; it doesn't -- is that does not care who's right or who's wrong. When we went into the chambers on March the 8th, a resolution here was drawn up here for the City Council, along with the Mayor, to send to the governor. Everyone signed it except for Miss Pardo. I also was in contact with representatives from Tallahassee and I thank you all for going up there.

Some of you are advocated for dollars, you know, to make us safe. Not just to make us safe, but to mitigate the noise in the wall and the -- and all the impact that was going on over there. Over on Singer Island, Miss Pardo, you were there from with some of the representatives had told me, too. Quite natural. You live over there, so the beach erosion is your problem, is -- is your pet peeve. But also, Mr. Cross made a good point here tonight when he said, "You represent all of us," not just one section of this city, but all of us.

And there's things that has happening within our community, and as our counselor said, for you all to all work together to make the good of our community, not just for some of the residents, but all of the residents. And once when we circulated this -- this, uh, resolution here, some of the residents just could not believe it. But some of the things that are in this resolution -- whether the governor is a Republican or not. I stated I'm a Republican, Democrat, Independent, you name it. Miss Brabham cross the board. Miss Brabham works with everybody for the good of the cause.

Our governor is a Republican, but he is approachable. You can sit down and talk with him. So Miss Pardo, you're a Republican, too, but that doesn't excuse you for what's happening within all of our communities around here. So hopefully you can do better.

You can do better. Not just for yourself, but for the City, to put a good face on this City. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Miss Brabham.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, I'm sorry. Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. First of all, the resolution, I believe I didn't sign the resolution because I wasn't here, and that was the night that I went to pick up the award for the marina, and the resolution I signed tonight. The second thing is, I was up in Tallahassee and I believe you were in one of the meetings with me when we spoke with Representative, um, Powell about the -- the, um, sound barrier, possibly putting a sound barrier along, um, MLK, and the discussion was also with, um, Senator Clemens.

So, you know, Miss Brabham, I have been out there. You know, because I didn't sign it, I wasn't here when we were signing the documents. I didn't sign any document that night. The documents were all signed tonight.

MARY BRABHAM: So I just wanted to clarify.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss -- Miss -- Miss Brabham --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. So now it's --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Brabham, thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So now it's on the record. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. All right. All right. Next will be, um, Mr. Fane Lozman.

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. I don't know how many people in the community saw yesterday's Palm Beach Post. On the front page it says, "Lozman can sue for millions." But two months after the U.S. Supreme Court handed Fane Lozman a huge victory in his long running legal battle with Riviera Beach, another court on Monday paved the way for the fervent activist to seek millions from the City for his troubles.

On Monday the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 11th Circuit issued a 27-page opinion. You can go to the U.S. Court of Appeals website and read it. What's the significance of this ruling? The significance of this ruling is that what the City did to me at the behest of the City Attorney, and the Council, when my floating home was arrested, they can be held liable for the retaliatory arrest of my home and for all the other things that happened up here. Any time a police officer grabbed me and threw me on the ground or arrested me or threw me out of this Chambers because they didn't like my First

Amendment rights, there's liability for the City and there's liability for the Council Members that participated in that, directed that activity.

They're not going to be able to get qualified immunity. Qualified immunity means they did it and it was okay because it was done in their official capacity. They're going to be held individually liable, so when a jury comes back and says, Hey, you know, I proved my case, which is easy to prove when you look at all the evidence, individually they're gonna have to pay me the damages, not the City. City's gonna have to pay damage for what they're liable for.

The point -- it is a very big deal. What could this case be worth? I've had lawyers calling me the last two days. Some say it's worth 4 to 5 million. Some say it's worth more. Some say it's only worth 3 million. But it's in the millions of dollars. It all goes back to, How did this ever start? It started because Councilpeople with Pam Ryan in attendance met behind closed doors and said, We're gonna intimidate Mr. Lozman because he was fighting to keep the marina public and fighting to keep thousands of homes from being taken via eminent domain. I'm not making that up. There's a transcript, closed door transcript back in 2006. Make a Public Records and everybody can read it.

In February, on the agenda was Pam Ryan's contract for review. It never happened in February. The meeting was cut short. It wasn't on the agenda for March. It wasn't on the agenda for April. Her contract's due in June? How come that hasn't been discussed? You have a responsibility to evaluate her. Her valuation, I think, is pretty dismal given that she lost at the U.S. Supreme Court, and lost this case the other day.

And it still goes back. You know, I get so much info from the stories I write. Why are we still using a Tampa law firm for an Admiralty action when you have all these Admiralty firms in Palm Beach County? I never got a straight answer about that. Um, bottom line is, the City has a lot of problems going forward. It's gonna be about a four-week jury trial, probably be sometime next year, and you know, all you got to do is just look back to that executive session transcript and see what the reasons are.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Lozman.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Um, Mr. Chair? I know you'd prefer --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'd rather not, but go ahead, sir.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you. Thank you. Uh, I just want to say for the record that one thing that I, as a Councilperson, won't tolerate while I sit here is to have my staff, my residents, and my colleagues attacked by people who don't even live in our community. I have no problem with anybody exercising their First Amendment right.

Mr. Lozman doesn't live here. He doesn't work here. He doesn't pay taxes here. He got this idea in his mind that he's gonna bully this community. I want to put it on the record that first of all, I am in full support of Miss Pam Ryan doing what she did in this

lawsuit. Mr. Lozman has been trying to intimidate elections, referendums, and the way we run our city.

He thinks that because he has a little money that he's gonna come into our town -- I guess he perceive us to be poor and dumb -- and he's gonna get the community scared that we're gonna have to pay him millions of dollars. Nothing has been awarded to Mr. Lozman. The only thing that the court said, and Miss Ryan can correct me, is that he has a right to have his case heard. Am -- am I correct?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: That is correct.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's all. But he thinks that he's gonna come in here and do his P.R. stunt every meeting, and he want the taxpayers to pay him, and then he want the taxpayers to help him intimidate us to pay him. I mean, how ridiculous is that? So I just want everyone to know where I am, staff, residents, my colleagues. Don't ever come to me about compromising, settling, or being in any way appeasing to Mr. Lozman. I will fight him to the end of this earth.

The only way you gonna deal with a bully -- Mr. Lozman is a bully -- is to fight him. Appeasing him is not gonna make him go away. That is not gonna happen. You have to fight a bully. I grew up in these mean streets. I came up from the gutter. I've been around a lot of bullies. There's no way that a bully would ever go away unless you fight him. So I would never, ever, ever settle or compromise.

If he win, I'm gonna direct our legal staff, and I'm only one, to appeal. If he ever feels that I'm going to settle or compromise with him, he has another thought coming. Most of the people have told me they just want him to leave our community. That's all. But he -- one person gonna come into my hometown and he thinks he's gonna intimidate everybody. I wouldn't care how many lawsuits he says he's gonna file. My message to him, You better go and order some more checks, because you gonna need 'em if you think I'm gonna be compromising. Thank you.XXX

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. Next will be, uh, Kathleen Voss. Is Kathleen Voss here? Okay. Next we'll have Mervin Saffo [phonetic]. Is Mervin Saffo here?

MERVIN SAFFOLD: Mervin Saffold, 1600 West 15th Street. Uh, I just was disturbed. I got a letter. I -- I had people come from Atlanta to be in the parade that spent a lot of money, and -- and, uh, I think it's, uh, a conflict of interest for a paid elected city official to get first place. I think it's really a conflict of interest when -- when kids and different people don't have much money to put things together, when a campaign person uses campaign money in his, uh, uh -- well, his -- you know, I -- I just think it's not fair for elected official of the Fire Department float, or the Mayor, or anybody to get first place over the citizen in a -- in a parade for the community. And Mr. Irry Allen [phonetic], He's the president of -- of the group. He was the D.J. He would -- he would like to say a couple things.

IRA ALLEN: Yeah. I'd like to say that, like he said, it's a conflict of interest, and whoever putting that -- whoever got this committee together, someone need to sit down and talk to -- to some of us, or some of the citizens of the city. Uh, I don't think nobody that's affiliated with the city should even be entered into the, uh -- the, uh, competition.

Um, I mean, I don't have nothing against the man that won it, Mr. Cedrick. He's a friend of mine. But I just think it's wrong for the City. It -- it ain't Cedrick fault. It's the people who were trying to run this. Okay? Maybe you ought to know what you doing. You know?

And, uh, I'd also like to speak on the Recreation Department, and I ain't got that much time. A lot of you people are, I guess, new here, or whatever. And, uh, you don't know nothing about the City or something, because the Recreation Department is the one who built the City of Riviera Beach. All this political stuff you all talking about didn't be of the city. It's -- it's recreation, people that - uh, Devin Hester [phonetic], the Anthony Carter [phonetic] the people -- they're the ones that put this city on the map. We coach these boys, work with them every day, and work with them, and they are the one who you should have signs out saying, Welcome to the City, the home of Anthony Carter, Devin Hester, or, uh, Abraham Elam [phonetic], people like this.

You all sit up there. You -- I'll bet most of you probably never been over to the gym. If you did, you probably just walked through. You know, you got to stop, go over here, find out and see what's happening. Do like the Mayor. Get out. Go see what's going on. Talk to the people.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. Mr. --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Robert Childers.

ROBERT CHILDERS: Hello. My name is Robert Childers. I'm a founder of Multi-Race dot-com, and this is my Event Manager, Tyler Doty [phonetic]. Um, we're not here to complain about anything.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you. Welcome.

ROBERT CHILDERS: We -- we just wanna thank you for giving us the opportunity to bring, um, the Riviera Beach Triathlon back after we've been gone for a few years due to construction, so I wanted to introduce myself and thank you for allowing us to bring back some of the play of Riviera Beach.

Um, so -- and then also the -- the new, uh, Half Marathon we're also gonna bring to the City. I think it's gonna be a wonderful thing to expose mostly residents of Palm Beach County to your wonderful beachfront that has been completed and, um, for the people that don't already know how beautiful it is, they'll have an opportunity to come here and -- and see it.

And we'll have an absolute minimal impact on any residents that live on the island, as we will not close the roads down. We'll just be positioning volunteers and signage, uh, at the entrances of the various high-rises and the other streets to let the people know, Okay, hey, there's an event going on, so just be careful. Don't run over anybody. But other than that, it's all good -- all good stuff. If there's any questions, I'd be happy to answer them.

MAYOR MASTERS: I -- I don't have a question. Madam -- uh, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: I don't have a question. We're just -- we're glad you're here.

ROBERT CHILDERS: Oh.

MAYOR MASTERS: And enjoy our City.

ROBERT CHILDERS: Thank you. And I -- while I'm not a resident of Riviera Beach, I am a resident of Northern Palm Beach County, so I am -- I am a local, even though we do events all over the State of Florida. Um, but all good here. So --

MAYOR MASTERS: You don't have -- you don't have to be a resident to enjoy our City and to bring good things into our City.

ROBERT CHILDERS: Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: And we appreciate you. Just keep doing what you're doing.

ROBERT CHILDERS: All right. Thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Miss Margaret Shepherd. She's coming.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: Margaret Shepherd, Riviera Beach. I'm not here to complain, either. I want to thank all of you for such a great and wonderful running, skills that you possess this year. Mr. TD -- I call him TD Touchdown because he definitely made a touchdown. And I was sitting in the barbershop the other day. I was telling them, and the young people came, coming from the, uh, colleges, was talking about him. And I think his agenda's full right now. But they were just saying some wonderful things about you, sir, and I just wanted you to know that.

And I just want to thank you, Mr. Thomas. You know, you've been just great to me. I thank you for taking care of Summer in a time of need, and also to Mr. Guyton. I thank you. I thank you for even bringing Miss Sylvia Lee Blue back. I think you're bringing

some status and some quality back to the city. And you said it so right, sir. When you go down to the Palm Beach County, uh, with the mayor, the new mayor there, and the vice mayor, it doesn't go on in the chamber. When you go to the City, it's nothing like that in the chamber. They will put you out. They even put a police officer out with his own gun. His own gun, and he's a police officer.

Why don't we bring the status back to the city? I -- I just don't understand it. And the one thing I want to say, this dais looks so beautiful. Still a little walking around. It's still kinda takes away our thought, trying to think and trying to get where you all are going. We don't have what y'all have, so to keep moving with bags and packages, that's distraction.

And Mr. Mayor, I wanna say to you -- I wanna say to you, sir, Democrat, Republican, whatever, I was appalled when you touched me in that meeting, that luncheon, and you said what you said. Don't you ever touch me again. Don't you ever, sir, put your hands on me again because we will tear up the whole room.

I was appalled by your behavior. I was appalled. Mrs. Brooks is a wonderful woman. She's been my mentor. She has brought me through a storm that I never thought I would get out of. She's a wonderful mother. She's a wife. She's a grandmother. And she works in her church, and how dare you.

You're talking about spending money. Let's go back to the \$4,000 you spent in Beijing. Well, we know what you did in Beijing. We don't even have to worry about it. But I'm appalled that you would take \$4,000 and leave this city with it when its people here need their water bill and their roofs and all that. How dare you?

MAYOR MASTERS: Disregard everything Miss Shepherd said. It's not true.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: You are a liar.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Shepherd --

MARGARET SHEPHERD: You are a liar.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Shepherd? Miss --

MARGARET SHEPHERD: You are a liar, Mr. Mayor. Don't you do it. Don't you --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Shepherd, I'm gonna ask you --

MARGARET SHEPHERD: -- do it.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- to step away from the mic.

MARGARET SHEPHERD: Don't you do it.

MAYOR MASTERS: Take her out.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Just have Miss Shepherd walk away from the mic. She can stay in this meeting. Just have her walk away from the mic. Everything is fine. We're gonna move on to the next card. Next will be Dr. Angela Wynn.

DR. ANGELA WYNN: Oh, my God. We need some Jesus in here. I -- I was going to, um, speak about, uh, about the situation in the Palm Beach Post with Fane Lozman, but you know what?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Just state your name for the record, please?

DR. ANGELA WYNN: Dr. Angela Wynn. But after I heard Mr. Guyton speak, I said I'm going to hold my peace. And I must commend you, Mr. Guyton, for what you said and stand up for. Also, I want to commend you on the Items number 21, 22, also for the thousand dollar, the donation that you made. Thank you very much. Job done. Very good. And I just can't thank you enough for what you -- what you said, you gonna fight to the end.

And, uh, another thing I want to talk -- uh, get back to, we need to Get Roseanne Brown back up in here. Where is she? Who's every take her position ain't doing nothing. So I'm asking the Council and City Manager to look over it and get Roseanne Brown back up in here. She was very good.

Also, I wanna talk about, I was at the -- I was at the, um, the voting station and I was attacked viciously by Margaret Shepherd. You see, politics is politics, and there's no fair game in politics. People do and say what they have to say because they just politics. I do not hate Republicans. I do not hate Democrats, or Independent, but politics is politics. We fight to win and it's a war to win. So who's ever been good, so like who so ever lost go under the tree and sit like the rabbit. Anyhow, Miss Shepherd came up to me and attack me viciously, stating that she gonna beat my ass because --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We are not gonna have any profanity, but you can finish.

DR. ANGELA WYNN: I'm not profanity. I'm just saying --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no profanity. Go ahead, Dr. Wynn.

DR. ANGELA WYNN: That is not profanity, sir. If you consult the dictionary, it's not a profane -- profanity.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Go ahead.

DR. ANGELA WYNN: Okay. Now that cause me to flip, and everyone knows me in this community, even from back my home, nobody come into my face and do that. And I did not respect -- expect that from Mrs. Shepherd, because we -- we -- we are very close together. You don't come and fight somebody and tell you they gonna whip their butt, just like that. I don't wanna -- gonna repeat the word that I said, but I'm telling you, I think she better think twice or three times about saying me that again, or house -- at her house, somebody going to jail. Somebody's going to jail. I respect everyone in

here, and I thank you very much. And Miss Shepherd, all due respect to you. She gone?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah, good.

DR. ANGELA WYNN: Anyway, I don't want nobody ever try me like that again. She was very rude. And thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you for your --

DR. ANGELA WYNN: Politics is politics. What we say, that's what we say to win. It's a war. Okay? And Miss Pardo, I like that nice color on your top. You can give it to me.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Dr. Wynn.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'll share. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, next we'll have John Miller?

JOHN MILLER: John Miller, 1290 Manor Drive. Uh, before -- I have a written thing that I -- I want to go over, but, um, I -- I just wanna say one thing. Bruce, I certainly respect everything that you say. All right? And I understand where you're coming from. As being bullied in my life and getting my butt kicked by a bully more than once, and given a few butt kickings back, I know where you're coming from.

But what I want you to know, and you're gonna know when I read this, I need all of youse to think, and I need to think with your mind. I'm not telling you that that guy was right. Don't ever think that I'm -- I'm with him, 'cause I'm not. But what I need you, every one of youse to make the right decision as you move forward. You're gonna see things that we're not gonna see, and then you're gonna have to make a decision which is right for the City, not against a bully, but for the residents of the entire City.

All right. Now I'm gonna talk a little bit to you. First of all, congratulations to the newly elected and the incumbent winners of our Council seats, and the Mayor's office. That's the Mayor there. That's the new blood right there, T.D. You got new blood coming on board, and he's gonna bring a lot to the table, and Mr. Guyton, who is bringing experience, he's been there before, he's a gentleman, and a very intelligent person.

Our election process is now over. It is now the time -- it's now time to put aside any issues or disagreements and work together as a team to move our city forward. As a concerned citizen and taxpayer, I realize the immediate issues that you face at this time. Not in any order, but the Supreme Court decision; the City marina referendum; and the purchase of the building for the City Hall complex are all issues that must be addressed in a business-like and urgent manner for the good of all of our citizens.

Our city is at a crossroads of major growth and business opportunity. Sound legal advice and teamwork within our Council is crucial at this time. Each elected official represents all the people of Riviera Beach. I know you're sitting up there, but you realize that. You represent everybody in your whole district. So it's not just your opinion. You've got to look at what it means for everybody.

Please work together to overcome any obstacle that blocks the path for our city to move forward. A lot has been accomplished by this Council, and by your predecessors. It is your duty to continue with your eyes looking forward and not looking back. The CRA group, the Marina Project, the redevelopment of the Ocean Mall and, uh, attracting new business to our city are all positive accomplishments by all of you and the City Managers.

Yes, you face many obstacles at this time but if you all work together for the common good of our city, the obstacles will be -- the obstacles and growth will follow. Business activity will pick up and employment opportunities --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Miller?

JOHN MILLER: -- will arise.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Miller?

JOHN MILLER: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's -- that's your time, sir.

JOHN MILLER: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So we appreciate, you know, your comments and you know, if you like, you can come back and read the rest of your letter.

JOHN MILLER: Well, just, I appreciate the time. I'm sorry I ran over my time, but I'm just asking you to all work together for the good of the city. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir, thank you.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So noted. Next will be, uh, Carla Flores. And if I mispronounced your name, I'm sorry.

CARLA FLORES: No, that's perfect. Good evening. I just wanted to let you know I'm honored to be here. My name is Carla Flores. I am the Associate Director with the American Cancer Society here locally, right Off Okeechobee Road. I'm here, humbled in your presence. I wanted to commend your leadership, address the City Council for your continued support of the Relay For Life, which is the signature community event for the American Cancer Society, and I'm also here to thank the entire community of

Riviera Beach. We've had continued support over the years and we're so honored to be working alongside you in the fight against cancer.

And thank you to the leadership of Mr. John Williams. He's chairing our event this year, and we're going to have a fantastic time raising awareness for all forms of cancer. And I just wanted to take the opportunity here to address any questions or concerns that you may have. However, I'm here primarily to thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, sir, Mr. Mayor.

MAYOR MASTERS: Please come -- come back, young lady, please. I have a question for you. I know last year when we -- we did it, they had a, um -- the Mayor and Cancer Society had a promotion, a DVD promotion that, like, kinda telling the story. Do you have one that we can get on Channel 18 to promote the event?

CARLA FLORES: Yes, absolutely. We have a great partnership with CBS 12 this year, so we're looking forward to them being on site on April 27th at the Municipal Beach.

MAYOR MASTERS: No, that's not what I'm talking about.

CARLA FLORES: Yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Do you have a -- a three-minute DVD promotion that we can put on our channel?

CARLA FLORES: Oh, sure. Absolutely.

MAYOR MASTERS: We have a public access channel.

CARLA FLORES: I can provide that for you, yes.

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. Would you get it to the City Manager's Office tomorrow?

CARLA FLORES: Will do.

MAYOR MASTERS: Please.

CARLA FLORES: I can do that tomorrow.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you.

CARLA FLORES: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, next will be Gerald Ward.

GERALD WARD: Gerald Ward, 3930 North Ocean, uh, is probably the most appropriate, but 2135 Broadway, also. That's, uh, a -- I got, uh -- because, uh, one of these items was pulled under consent, I -- I now have twice or 50 percent more time than I thought I had.

You discussed again about the Atlantic Ocean property owners. Those folks are the ones that own to a line in the sand an artificial line called an erosion control line. Our properties, uh, go to the main high water line, which is the remainder of most of Riviera Beach's beach side.

Uh, private property needs to be honored, and you have clearly, uh, thrown a lot of money at that. Our industrial area is really our best ad valorem tax base, because it also doesn't use our services as much as the rest of us that use them 24/7. So you need to think about when folks scream and holler, "Oh, we pay all the taxes," that they really don't, and we need to serve the industrial area, which is a great revenue source in Riviera Beach, a thousand acres.

The BMA, uh, Beach Management Agreement that, uh, has been touted for Palm Beach has been over a year in progress and it isn't done yet. And, uh, it still will be, uh, coming, but don't hold your breaths that any one-time solution occurs for Riviera Beach's beach side.

We had Mrs., uh, Davis talk about needing dirt for the marina, and she neatly scoped out that we gave away a lot of dirt at the City Marina in our -- our rush to get a project done supposedly without planning, without any site plan approval, and now we'll hear later about Phases 2, 3 and 4, again, without any input. We don't even have a waterfront advisory board now, because we've been, again, months and months without complying with the City's law, the code.

So, uh, on the 27th, one week ago today, Florida Inland Navigation District got a Corps of Engineer public notice which is says they'll dredge 95,000 cubic yards of dirt in the Intercoastal, and Mr. Sprague's problems with stormwater outfalls don't apply, so we need to have the CRA respond by the 26th of April and use them to do the work to get some profit back.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comments. And last, but certainly not least, Miss Bernice Wooten. And her sister, Miss Vivian Havener.

MAYOR MASTERS: I might give that some thought.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh-oh.

BERNICE WOOTEN: Good evening --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Good evening.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Good evening.

BERNICE WOOTEN: -- Mayor, Council.

MAYOR MASTERS: Good evening.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Good evening, ma'am.

BERNICE WOOTEN: Manager Jones, it's so wonderful to be here this evening, and we'd like to express a special appreciation to all of you, because we're here about the Great American Clean-Up. Although all of you have not been with us, um, physically, but I know we've always had your support. So this year on April 13th, starting at 8:00 at Cunningham Park, until noon, Neighbors United will be sponsoring the Great American Clean-Up, and we need your support. And this year -- uh, first of all I'd like to thank, uh, Sister, or former councilwoman Billie Brooks, who's always been so supportive. Uh, this year Councilperson T.D. Davis is partnering with us --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, ma'am.

BERNICE WOOTEN: And we're so grateful. Now, we -- we'd like to send a special appeal to all of our middle school and senior high school students, because they need those community service hours, and we'd like to have parents please stress the importance of your children coming out to register and earn those four community service hours. We'll be at Cunningham Park from -- from 8 a.m. until noon.

And following, um, the clean-up, we'll have refreshments. This year we're planning to have hamburgers and hot dogs, along with other items. Each participant will receive a T-shirt and all of the cleaning supplies needed. We thank you for hearing us this evening and we're looking forward to all of you, especially those who can, to come out and support this special effort. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. I'll be there, Miss Wooten. Okay. Is there any comments from the Board on any of the things that you've heard tonight? Thank you. Thank you very much, ladies. On any of the public comment, any comments from the board?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, I have.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: This would be a good time to address them.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, Mr. Chair. I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Councilman Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, a question has been brought up about the referendum in November, 2010. Um, legally the judge has made a decision; is that correct, City Attorney?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes. He has -- he granted in part the motion for summary judgment, yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: He granted the motion for some --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Summary, summary.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Summary judgment.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So now what responsibility does the City have from that point?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, as I tried to explain earlier, we're still waiting for the judge to enter a final judgment. Um, the -- the referendum issue was not the only issue in the case and -- the referendum issue was not the only issue in the case, and the judge intimated that, um, he did not find merit with the other issues raised by the Task Force. However, the judge did not dispose of, um, those issues in the motion, specifically.

So we're still waiting for his final judgment, and as soon as we get the final judgment, um, staff will -- will bring that back to the City Council for its consideration, to decide whether or not you want to appeal it or whether or not you want to go ahead and, um, um, act in accordance with the judge's ruling.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: So we -- do we have an obligation to -- to make that law?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: As soon as we receive the final judgment.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And as I stated earlier, um, the Task Force has, um, a hearing that I believe is set for, um, April 10th, um, in front of the judge, to see if the judge will -- will go ahead and enter the final judgment. That has not been done as of this date.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay. All right.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are there any other Board members that would like to ask any questions or comment on any of the public comment?

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair, I do.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If -- Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Okay. First of all, I appreciate you, um, giving us this opportunity to, uh, respond. Yes. I appreciate, um -- this is kinda new, but it's really wonderful that you -- you're giving this opportunity at this point to, um, address any concerns or comments that we may have in rebuttal or response to people who have made public comments. So therefore, I certainly see the need of waiting until this time to, um, address those. So that's what I'll probably be doing most of the time is waiting.

I think it's wonderful to have a certain part of the, um -- of the agenda, where we're given this opportunity, and not just in discussion or deliberation. You know, I just want to say this. At some point -- and I am in response -- the election is over. People need to understand, you know, you lose, you -- you -- you've lost. So people coming up here taking pot shots at me because of, um, Billie Brooks or Shelby Lowe. Um, Miss Shepherd ran and lost. You know? And I don't appreciate that. You know, let it go. You know? You know? Your person didn't win. They lost. So let it go and let's move on.

But don't come up here attacking my character and my integrity. We've heard this about the China trip over and over. Didn't go anywhere. Wasn't anything to talk about. Former Chair brought it up and -- and that was it. Went over there, not on vacation as was said. Went over there for business. I conducted business for this City. They paid for the hotel. I paid out of our travel. Went over -- if we when over the budget, we went over it. 85 percent of the, uh, heads of departments go over the budget. It's not a big deal. You know? So you know, just let it go.

The people, you know -- there's no secrets. Ethics Committee, the State Attorney, Shelby, everybody needs to investigate, do that. But don't come up here and attack the integrity of this mayor. The people have spoken, and if they had a problem, they would not have re-elected me. They have spoken with everybody up here. This is not the forum to attack public officials. You have a forum. You have a place to go. Don't accuse me and make allegations, because they're untrue, and I don't like it, and it's wrong. Let it go. She lost, he lost. It's done. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Mayor. Um, are there any other comments, concerns from any of the Board members? Like to respond to, uh, public comment? Um, before we move on I'll make one comment. Um, I know, uh -- I don't know Mr. Saffo very well, but I do know, um, his -- you know, his nickname is "Wounded Man." That's what we called him all my life. I don't really know his real name.

MAYOR MASTERS: It's Davis. His last name is Davis.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is it? Okay. Well, Mr. Davis, I -- I know him Mr. Wounded Man for a very long time. He's a -- he was the voice of, uh -- of, uh, our recreation football games for a long time. Um, you know, I -- I don't want anybody to think that the staff gave anything to my campaign, and to be honest with you, um, most of that expense didn't come from my campaign. A lot of it came from my individual pocket.

Um, but I worked hard, you know, in trying to give a presentation for our, um, parade, worked just as hard as anybody else. I went to great lengths to try to make sure that I gave the -- the citizens who stayed out in the rain, you know, a good presentation from my campaign honoring Dr. Martin Luther King. I paid my fees. Nothing was given to me.

I really believed in my team that was with me in that parade, which was over 35 people. I really felt that, you know, we earned it. We had a lot of fun. I don't want anybody to be offended and, uh, you know, I enjoyed myself very well. I'm very happy about it. It's always meant a lot to me, but because I'm a City elected official, had the election not turned out the way it did, then I probably wouldn't have been and maybe some people wouldn't have felt like that. But I would have still thought that I've given my best.

So this is not something to rub in anybody's face. You know, the people who support me and was with that, they worked very hard. They spent money. They were out there and, um, I'm glad that we received the award, but it's not to rub it in anybody's face. I appreciate the award. The award will, um, you know, be with me. I will not be giving it back, you know. But I don't want anybody to feel like that.

Um, so I -- you know, I do wanna apologize if, you know, someone felt slighted, um, because of that. But, um, you know, anybody who saw it know that I put some time and effort, or you know, my campaign team put some time and effort into it. So that's all I wanted to say about that, and that will be done. We're gonna move on to Item 17. Item 17, Presentation and Overview of Office Environment, Staff, and Building.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Good evening. Uh, Randy Sherman, Director of Finance & Administrative Services. Um, this evening we're gonna talk about utility customer service. Uh, there is a presentation that is attached to the agenda. Uh, that presentation is actually getting a little stale at this point, because it's been moved from meeting to meeting. Um, but it is a pleasure to be here tonight, um, and I have been asked to kind of consolidate that presentation and, uh, kind of give you an update of actually where we are again, because that presentation is so old. So I've kind of boiled this down to six slides. I did bring the other presentation. If somebody has a question on one of those slides, I can call it up and we can deal with that, uh, specifically.

Uh, what I did want to talk about first, though, and this slide was in the other presentation, is actually the process that I went through when I started, uh, looking at the utility customer service, utility billing office. Um, I didn't want, uh, anybody to think that, you know, we didn't go through and -- and do our due diligence in reviewing everything here.

Uh, there are a couple of items on this slide that I really do want to point out, um, because we can't forget that they exist. One of them is the District's charter. Uh, the District does have a separate charter. It does have, uh, as you know, a separate Board, uh, and it does have some separate rules that it operates under.

Uh, the next one is about halfway down there, is the bond documents. Uh, keep in mind that back in 2004, uh, you borrowed nearly \$30 million to have the District purchase the utility system from the City, uh, and that -- and within that bond documents there are a lot of provisions, uh, covenants, uh, that the City committed to, uh, and in dealing with the -- the utility district and its operations, um, we have to remember that those covenants are in place. Uh, and again, you can look at that.

Uh, AWWA is American Water Works Association. That's kind of, uh, they write the Bible about how to run utilities, so we did look at their best practice. Um, but I did spend a lot of time in the office working with customers, uh, talking to customers, and you know, really trying to figure out what was going on here.

Um, and I do want to thank, uh, finally, Seacoast Utility Authority, West Palm Beach, and Jupiter Utility, uh, for letting my staff actually go up and, uh, view their operations. And I think it was very valuable to the staff that came back with a lot of good, uh, hopeful thoughts when they did that.

Uh, but once I had gone through all of these documents and all of these meetings, I put together, uh, a SWOT analysis. And what a SWOT analysis is, is you actually look at what strengths that you currently have, what weaknesses you have, and that then leads you into what opportunities you have to fix things. Um, but you also then have to consider what -- what threats are out there, as well.

All right. Now, again, if you go back and you look at the other original presentation, you'll see I went back and I -- I listed out what I saw as the problems in certain areas and what I saw we could do to remedy those problems. Uh, so I won't focus on this. I don't wanna focus on really what's wrong. I want to focus on where we're going and -- and the positive changes that we're making.

Uh, the first area that I want to talk about is really the office environment and the staff that -- that we have to deal with. Uh, we have established a separate customer service call center. Uh, we haven't had our "grand opening" yet, because it's still putting the finishing touches on it, but we're really pulling people out day in and day out, all they are going to do is customer service. They're not gonna worry about the billing. They're not gonna worry about the collections. They're gonna worry and focus on customer service.

Uh, I've also, uh, worked the Public Works. We've redesigned the lobby area in front of the customer service window. A couple of problems that I saw, uh, I have elderly come in that have to stand. I have people come in with children and have to stand. I have handicapped people come in that have to stand. I have people in wheelchairs that come in, they can't reach the window. Uh, so what I would like to do is grab maybe 250 square feet, uh, and really create it more like it's a bank environment. I'm gonna put a desk out there. I'm gonna have somebody who can actually go out when they need to, sit at that desk, um, be able to talk to customers. Um, but we're also going to set up a queuing system, uh, so again, people can come in. They'll take a number. We'll call them, and then that way they don't have to stand around the whole time.

Um, for our staff, we've actually created a customer service guide, um, that I have somewhere. Um, and what that really does, it actually tells them what process that they need to go through when they're dealing with customers; what questions they need to ask; um, and how they should, you know, really handle the process as they go forward.

Uh, as far as customer -- as far as training and cross training, uh, obviously customer service is -- is key to this. Uh, we've broken this out. They've -- all the staff has sat through the American Water Works Association Customer Service Training. They all also have homework. And I know they'll be doing it in the office. I guess we'll call it office work. But really, where they go through, it's a work book on certain situations, and it helps them figure out and learn how they can deal with customers, how they deal with, um, you know, certain situations. And I think -- I think it's been very good. I actually sat through it every time staff sat through it, so I can almost recite this DVD by word. I know who's coming and why they're mad and, um, and how to handle the situation.

Uh, the billing software, um, again, this is the -- the ADG, the system that -- that we've used. We've gone to a web based system. Uh, they did have some training. We have more training come up later this month. We actually have someone from ADG coming in, uh, and they're going to again teach them how to better use the system, how to use all the flags, how to get information fast, um, and -- and every aspect that it has available.

Queue-Alert is the, uh, the customer response system, where customers will be able to put, uh, a question, a complaint, a query into, uh, the system through online. Um, if they come into my office and they have a question, it's gonna go in the system, and I hope that when they come into your offices, you do the same thing. What that will allow us to do is track every complaint that's coming into the system.

Um, what it will also allow you to do is follow that from home, from your office. Uh, you'll be able to call up a specific customer's, you know, query, and everybody will know where it is in that system. Uh, we're gonna set up a system where it, you know -- it jumps from -- you know, it's gonna start it at the customer service rep, and it will -- it will escalate through the system, um, and it will only be there a couple of days before it gets a response or it will move to the next system and we'll all know where everything is.

Um, I will tell you, you know, since November, we've issued 67,000 invoices, um, and in all honesty, we've only had really 60 main problems that we've had to deal with. Um, now again, we get a lot of queries. We will get a lot of questions but we've really only had 60 customers that really had an issue that really required, um, some major, uh, in-depth detailed work to research.

Um, I've updated the job descriptions. I want to put a bigger focus on customer service, uh, so you'll see actually coming hopefully at the May, um, meeting, three job descriptions, and all I've really done is I've taken the customer service clerk and we've changed it to a customer service representative. I've taken a billing and collections, uh, clerk, and I've changed it to a senior customer service representative. I want to focus

on customer service, um, and actually, you know, start to get them, the staff to think customer service is really what we're here for.

Uh, I've established metrics for all of the staff, so they understand what poor performance is, acceptable performance, and superior performance is. And I've laid out, you have so many days to handle this. If it goes longer than that, that's poor service. You know? So they now all understand, um, you know, what their target goals are and what the expectations are.

The other issue that I noticed when I was dealing with the staff is there isn't a lot of connection between, uh, the staff and the customer. You know, if they know the person, it's a great conversation that goes on. If they don't know the person, a lot of times there isn't even a hello. There isn't a thank you. It's -- they're processing, things are moving back and forth. You know, and -- and in their defense, you know, I'll tell you, we literally have four minutes every month to spend on every customer. That's billing, collecting, problem solving. I mean, four minutes. Clearly, some go faster than others, but you know, that's what they have time. They're trying to deal with the drive-up. They're trying to deal with people, the customer's phone calls.

Um, but what I wanna do is I wanna try to build that connection between the staff and the customers. They will all start wearing name badges. They will all have business cards. So again, if a customer comes in and if they wanna send Miss Jones a letter that says, "Wow, what great service," they'll know who they dealt with. If they have a complaint, they'll know who they dealt with. But I wanna start building that relationship between them, uh, and the customer.

Uh, we have established an office e-mail address. Everything goes into this e-mail account. It's not going to individual people. Everybody can see what's coming in and everybody can see what's going out.

Couple of things at the end there that we haven't gotten around to yet, but I want to, uh, start doing some customer surveys so I can get the feedback, uh, especially, you know, if we're making changes, I wanna know, you know, if the changes are working. And then clearly we have to develop some -- some management reports. Um, so again, we know how long it's taking for work orders to get done and -- and those types of things.

Uh, the next area is obviously dealing with the billings and collections portion. Um, I'd like to change the billing format. Those of you, I'm sure, are all familiar with our current billing format. It actually -- this is really the size of your bill. It really doesn't provide us with a lot of opportunity to provide information.

As I was meeting with the customers, a lot of the issues were that they just didn't know. They didn't understand. Once you explained it to them, they were fine. So we'd like to go again to the full 8 and a half by 11 sheet. It will provide us more opportunity to put messages on here, whether it's the MLK Parade or whatever it is, um, we'll be able to put that on. We'll be able to, you know, give them more information, uh, and if we need to we can obviously use the back. These will go in regular envelopes, which will also

allow us to be able to stuff, and the best part is, I don't have to pay for the expensive forms anymore and I don't have to have a special piece of equipment that heats these so they -- so they seal. So there is actually a savings, uh, along with the benefit.

Um, we are considering going to a third-party printer and mailer. Again, uh, you know, that will, um, again, free up some staff time, and it should still be cheaper than what we're doing now. Uh, we'd like to implement e-billing, which again means we won't be mailing these out. Uh, you'd actually be able to just get it through -- through your e-mail accounts.

Um, part of the issue, the fourth item on there, um, we need to have a set calendar for meter readings and billings. Uh, a couple of cases that I looked at, you know, people came in and said, "Oh, my water bill went up 20 percent. I don't understand why. I didn't do anything different." And I looked at it and I said, "Okay. Well, in this month you got billed for 26 days, and in this month you got build for 32 days. That alone answers your question. You didn't do anything different. The difference is on what we did." So we're going to try to set, you know -- and again, because of the way the calendar works, and you've got holidays, you know, maybe 29, maybe, you know, 31, but we're gonna try to shrink what that difference is and again, take those fluctuations out of the system.

Uh, we're also gonna look at -- at cycle realignment. Again, when they go out and they meet -- reading the meters, um, if they have to, you know, look like a Spirograph, it's not very efficient. So we're gonna look at realigning some of them so we can consolidate those, uh, and get some more efficiencies in that manner.

Relieving the cashiers of mail duty. We actually did a traffic count, uh, at the drive-up window and the drop-off box. Uh, those people are coming through 4 to 500 times a week and -- and, you know, using that service. Um, the cashiers at the window are trying to deal with customers at the window at the same time they're trying to process all of that mail.

Um, so one of the things, again, I think I actually have it -- oh, I guess a couple of slides, a couple of items down there, um, implement a lockbox service. We really have to take that, you know, away from those people and get it to a lockbox. Um, I think about 13 and a half, 13,500 invoices are going out every month. They are touching every one of those when they're coming back in, whether it's cash or a check. Okay? Uh, we figure that probably 60 to 70 percent of the people will go to the lockbox, because it's coming in through the mail now. Uh, so whether it comes to us or goes to a lockbox. Uh, again, there is actually a savings here at the end of the day, because the money gets into the bank faster.

Um, again, getting back to, uh, information for the customers, um, very soon you'll see, uh, a frequently, you know, asked questions on the website. You know, we're going to be posting that. We're going to make that available. Uh, and we also are bringing forward a whole new set of policies for you to adopt, um, again, hopefully, next month.

This is your current policies. This is every document that in some way, shape, or form there is a portion of a policy in here. Uh, it's in the charter. It's in your bond resolutions. It's in your City ordinances. Uh, we've actually gone through -- and I know I brought it. Oh, here it is. We have whittled it down to this. Okay? Uh, again, this is -- and I don't mind saying it -- is -- a lot of it is stolen, um, from -- from some local utilities, uh, who were very helpful in sharing their -- their -- you know, their policies with us. Um, I think there's some good things in here.

Um, a couple of things that you're gonna find here, or one that I think is pretty important, is getting a -- uh, a really official process for appealing your water bills. Um, you know, right now it's -- it's kinda helter-skelter and within here we actually have a process, uh, for people to follow. But again, I think when we post this on the web, everybody now knows what the rules are, uh, and we can all follow those.

Um, again, we talked about, oh, electric -- electronic forms. Again, you're gonna start to see on the website applications are gonna show up. I've actually already posted the senior discount program out there, so people can go out to see it. They can pull the form off, uh, and do that. But we have a lot of time people standing at the window filling out forms, because that's the only place that they can get the form, that's the -- and we -- and we force people to come down, you know, to come to City Hall, not that we don't like to see them, but it's really not a convenience for the customer. Uh, so you're gonna start to see a lot of forms out there. Uh, again, I talked about lockbox.

Uh, the next one, accepting credit and debit cards. Um, you don't know how many times we get asked about accepting debit and credit cards. Um, that contract should be coming forward again at -- at your next meeting. Um, and again, once we get that, people can do that online. Right now, again, the only thing you can do online is pay by check, um, but again, that will open up those possibilities.

Uh, we also need to be able to take payments over the phone. A lot of times, you know, as we're dealing with customers we go through, we spend all this time, and we say, Okay, this is what you need to do to not have your service shut off, and then the next thing is, Well, now you have to come down here and pay. Um, because we don't accept credit cards right now, we can't do that over the phone. But we need to be able to do that for our customers.

And then, the last two, again, that we haven't gotten around to, or not the last two, but the bank drafting, again; that just means that we can set people up to do automatic, you know, charges against your bank account, and again, in the policy is a formal appeals process.

A couple of other technology items that didn't fit on the other slides. Um, we're really trying to get to a self-help portal on the website. Um, you can now go out there, if -- if you haven't been out there lately, you can now go out there and see your account history and get information about your account, um, and again, we talked about the online forms.

Uh, we're gonna allow people, uh, once we get all of our lien process reconciled, to be able to again go out and do their own lien search. Now, that's not gonna tell them necessarily what they need to pay off, but it will at least allow realtors and others to be able to go out and do -- do a lien search. Um, and I'll tell you, the -- the realtors and the title search companies will pay very, uh, large sums of money to have access to that, and you know, I think we're -- we're -- we're getting -- we're really working and I think we're close to getting to that point.

Um, because what we're doing is -- the third bullet on there -- is we're establishing a connection between the City's information that we have and the information that the property appraiser has. The property appraiser has 16,500 accounts. We have 13,500 accounts, and they don't mesh at this point. It's very hard to tell what is what because there's just no, uh, common addresses or, uh, links with the PCN numbers or anything. So we're gonna actually get all those PCN numbers, all the owners' names, all the owners' addresses, into the utility billing system, which is different than the customer's name and the customer address or billing address, but we're gonna actually tie those systems together. Uh, so in the future, when we're trying to do lien searches, we'll actually be able to do it in a number of different fashions, um, and actually, again, to be able to generate some reports.

And, uh, the last item up there, technology-wise, when I first got here, um, when we issued a work order -- because all the work orders are issued by Customer Service -- uh, they put in the work order, it would print behind them. Uh, Mr. Aurigemma's men would drive over in the truck through the drive-through, wait in line, go through the drive-all, and we'd send them the work orders, and they'd come through, I don't know, two, three times a -- uh, a day.

Uh, right now we print them in the utility district's office. Okay? So we've gotten rid of that process. The next step is to get them out into the field. The utility billing system is a web-based system, which means they can get them on an iPad, they can get them on a laptop, and that way we'll have people in the field getting the work orders so they can respond to them faster. And then the other end of that is, they can issue a work order if they see something in the field. Because right now they come back. They tell us. We issue a work order and then they go back out and -- and, you know, and work on the work order. Um, and then we'll also be able to get notes from the field so we have all of this information.

So ultimately, at the end of the day, what does that all mean for our customers, because that's really what it's all about? Um, one, we're gonna have professional and knowledgeable staff for them to deal with. Uh, we're gonna have a more efficient visitor operation, uh, and a more inviting environment for them to come into. We'll give them information, more information than they probably want, but we're going to give them the information, um, which will help them hopefully, again, uh, be more self-sufficient.

We're gonna give them a quicker response to their service requests and a quicker problem resolution. Again, the quicker we can issue work orders, the quicker we can track things, uh, the better off we'll be. Modern conveniences, again, online forms,

credit cards, those types of things. An opportunity for feedback. The formal appeals process, again, which, you know; I'm hoping it doesn't have to be used all that often, but if it does, it will be there. But again, ultimately, at the end of the day it's all about customer service. So I thank you and I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any questions for Mr. Sherman?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: May --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair, I have a comment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, I think it's a great presentation. Um, I'm very excited about it, and I think the residents are going to be as excited about it, too. Um, I just have one thing that I would recommend when it comes to the water bill. I think we're all used to getting that little square card in the mail, and when you see it, you know it's your water bill. So if we're going to change the -- you know, the format, um, I think it's -- you know, we should really put it on Channel 18 and make sure the residents are aware, because we all get a tremendous amount of junk mail and if, you know, they see that, they might just throw it away and the next thing you know, you know --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- you know, the guys are knocking on the door, We're turning off your water. So it's just --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No, that -- that's an excellent point.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, it's just -- yeah, it's very --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: We just need to. And I would just recommend that maybe the presentation that you made tonight we run on Channel 18. Have the guys in the back edit --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yeah, that's what --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Right, edit the meeting and run it on Channel 18 so people are aware that we're, you know, getting ready to implement, um, changes in the Water Department.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Very good.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: But otherwise, great job.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Councilwoman Davis, do you mind if I take the one comment card that I --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: No. Go right ahead, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- failed to take, and I'll get right to you afterwards. Mr. Gerald Ward.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: He's gonna (inaudible) --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I almost forgot you.

GERALD WARD: Oh, no, you didn't. Gerald Ward, 2135 Broadway. Well, 7 December -- or 7 November you ordered this be done, and unfortunately, uh, when it came out, I immediately looked at it and said, Well, I wouldn't be at this meeting, so I wrote Miss Jones, uh, the two Joneses a, uh -- an e-mail and -- 'cause I didn't know Mr. Sherman's. And, uh, I had my line and verse comments.

And, uh -- but let me tell you, it's now budget time and you need to pay attention, and this needs to be in the budget if need be. Uh, it -- utility billing has been the most expensive cost to the citizens of Riviera Beach that you could ever imagine. Hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. And I would tell you, his -- his 16 pages here, I can only find one thing right now that in page 8 he probably needs to add credit cards to that for process and procedures and work flow to make sure. Because on page 13 he's covered it, and he covered it in his presentation. Credit cards are probably the most simplest way. Uh, the only company I know that's public service that, uh, doesn't do it is Florida Plunder & Loot, and they often are -- are backwards in -- in their, uh, systems, because they have too many bean counters.

But I would, uh, also make two other recommendations. It's actually the same, but bifurcated. Uh, other utility companies, because you have a number of items which you are billed for here, and the two items are storm water billing, uh, which, uh, is billable under the ad valorem taxing system, and Mr. Sherman needs to do a pro forma. Uh, it may be you get that money in within six months. Uh, citizens, though, can still go to our tax collector and pay incrementally for longer portions of the year. So it's not that they would be oppressed that much.

The second is residential garbage, uh, service. And both of those can be billed under the ad valorem taxing system. So it may be we get more money in quicker, but he needs to do the analysis to see whether that's, uh, profitable. Uh, obviously, the tax collector, uh, takes a piece out of it and I'm not even sure what that is, but finance directors are -- are common to know that. So we need to let the staff get down the road on this, because I've been after this for -- since way last century, particularly credit cards.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Councilwoman Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you, sir. Um, kudos to you, Mr. Sherman. Um, this is way long overdue, and I think, um, based on what I've seen, um, it probably could be used as a model for other departments. As you know, um, I don't know if you know, but Mrs. Jones knows I've been asking for policies and procedures for departments for a long, long time. Um, and, um, my -- one of my questions, though, to you, is, um, at the drive-through are you considering -- 'cause I've had customers, um, come to me and tell me that when they come to the drive-through they've actually sat there for five or 10 minutes, and nobody says anything. Um, is there going to be any kind of notification, something that you're going to put in place, to let -- to let, uh, your employees know that somebody's at the window?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That -- that -- that's a very good question. Um, they -- actually, right now they have a camera that they can see, uh, but again, part of the problem that they have is the person that's dealing at the window is also the person that's dealing with the drive-through. One of the things that, um, I'm hoping is when we implement the lockbox and we take all of that mail off of their desks, I'll actually be able to dedicate a person just to deal with the drive-through. So they can be doing something else, but then be prepared to deal with the drive-through, but not necessarily dealing with somebody at the window.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: So again, once the customer service, and I move those people over to the customer service area, we're going to re-arrange the office, and hopefully, again, I've got that staff person that -- that can focus on that.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Because I -- I actually, believe it or not, I timed it one day, and -- and it's about two minutes per vehicle, and your absolutely right. You're the second or third, fourth, fifth, sometimes yesterday there was like eight cars out there at one time, that's a long time when all you wanna do is pay your bill. So --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. All right. And I have two more questions, but I'm gonna go ahead and ask both of them so you can -- so -- so you can, uh, give me an answer. Other customers have, um, paid through their online banking system.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: For instance, if somebody has a checking account with BB&T, they have a bill pay system. And they have complained about the length of time before the money is deducted from their account. So that's one thing.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, the other thing is, um, your -- you instituted an office e-mail. And is there also going to be somebody designated to man that, or to be responsible for it? That -- and that's --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes. And I'm -- I'll address the second one first. Um, the folks that are moving to Customer Service, that's like moment one. They're gonna hit the time clock, go in, sit down, and that's the first thing that they do. They're gonna look at the queue alert, see what's come in through -- through the queue alert, the on-site, and again, the e-mail. And that's where they start their process. Um, and again, their responsibility is to stick with that until it is closed.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Okay? So they're not allowed to, uh, you know, just push that off. That's their responsibility. Um, and what was the first question? I'm sorry.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: The other one, um, about the amount of time before the money is actually deducted from their account.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Oh, yeah, yeah. That's interesting, because you know what happened? If you're a large account. If you're like FPL --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Um, and people do that online, they have agreements with the banks, and the banks actually send them an electronic file, so it's a lot faster. What we actually get is still a check. Okay? So the bank, even though you're going in line and you're thinking that you're -- you're speeding up the process, it's -- it's no faster than just cutting your own check and putting -- it actually may be slower, uh, depending on how frequently they actually process those checks. But again --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, so (inaudible) --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: -- if you're -- if you're the only person --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- two weeks.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: It -- it shouldn't take that long, and there were -- there were a couple instances that I had -- that I had people, you know, come in and they said, "Listen, my check's dated the 8th or whatever and, you know, it was the 21st when it -- when it got cashed." Um, one thing that I noticed, and it was especially heavy in November, uh, where we had all the holidays. We had a furlough day. Of course, you have people taking time off and as I said, we literally have four minutes per customer. The month of November we had three minutes per customer. That's how much staff time I lost.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. So --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: You know? So I was mortified the day I walked in there and there were like four days of mail stacked up. And -- and that's -- that changed

real quick, but that was -- that was the situation. And -- and as I said, once it gets to a lockbox, I think that will go away.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yeah.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But again, we'll monitor that and, you know --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So it's really not a relationship that we can establish with various banks to -- to --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No. We're -- we're really too small to do --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Okay. All right.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: -- something like that.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: All right.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But, yeah.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Thank you very much.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: You're welcome.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Any other questions or concerns?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes, I've got a question, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Councilman Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Actually, I have a couple of questions, Mr. Sherman. Um, and I concur with, uh, Miss Davis. I think you did a wonderful job. We're definitely on the right track with what you just presented. We're finally coming into the 21st century and, um, it's long overdue, and I do agree. Um, just -- but I'm proud that we have the vision of where we're going, and now it's about the implementation stages, setting benchmarks and making sure that we meet them and don't go off course, and ensuring that this is something that actually come to fruition.

Um, the first thing that I spoke to the City Manager about when I was elected was Customer Service. I've been a public sector employee all my adult life. This is what I know. This is what I do. One of the things that irritates me about public sector entities is that we hire people that sometime don't have that Customer Service personality and my question --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: (Sneeze). Sorry.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Bless you. Bless you. My -- my question is, has there been some thought to coordinating with Human Resources to incorporate a person -- a personality test to determine if they are people type of persons, and to try to identify

things before they get hired, so that we can, um, minimize our disciplinary action that we may have to take down the road.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right, right. That's -- that's a --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's my first question.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's an excellent question. Not that I'm aware of, um, but I think that's -- that's an excellent thought. Um, and I can talk to Miss Perry about that and -- and see what, you know, she has available, you know, as a resource to be able to do something like that. But you're right. I mean, there are people in Customer Service that do not belong in Customer Service.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Absolutely.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But, you know, and that's --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And it's not their personality.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yep. Just -- yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: You know, so it's -- it's no offense to them.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: No.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But I'm -- I'm thinking about trying to weed out and streamline before we get them on board and have to go through a long disciplinary process. But that was my first thought.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. Very good.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, the -- the other question that I had was that you identified a monitoring process that would be measured, um, by poor, satisfactory, or whatever the measuring parameters were. Um, how -- how would you implement monitoring the performance and then make the determination whether it's good, bad, or unsatisfactory?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: How will we monitor the -- the metrics that we have?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: The, uh, uh -- how would you monitor performance?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. One of the things, uh, that we have with this new Customer Service Center, um, is, uh, we have the ability to track the phone calls that come in. So I will know how many times the phone rang before it got answered. I'll know how long people were on the phone, you know, talking to people. Um, we do have the ability to record conversations, uh, so we can do, uh, training and, you know,

and quality control type issues. And I also have the ability, uh, for the managers to monitor those phone calls.

Um, the other issue is, is when a customer now calls, they're going to call up the queue alert system at the same time they've called up the billing system, so they'll be working both systems at the same time, so they can track that information in, okay, and they may open and close something with the one phone call.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh-huh.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: I mean, a lot of times that's exactly what happens. Um, but again, that will tell me, okay, I've received 48 calls today. Here's the average time. You know, you spent 17 minutes with them but, you know, the other person that was working this was spending six minutes. You know.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And we'll actually be able to track all that information. It's all gonna be computerized and we'll have that data.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And -- and -- and it's important to me that we do have a monitoring process --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- in place, because that's the only way we can determine --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: That's the only way.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- if they're actually performing up to par. So -- so what -- what -- what I'm hoping is that not only do we look at how long they're on there, but someone is designated -- when you call Customer Service, sometime you get a recording that this call may be recorded for training purposes.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I'm hoping that a manager or supervisor can queue in sometime without them knowing and listen to see if they are being polite --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: -- friendly, going through, and that way we can have a gauge to determine if the training is actually paying off.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: And the answer to that is, yes, they will be able to.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yep.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. But are we gonna do it? We can do it --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- but are we gonna do it?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. And -- and one last -- I'm -- I'm almost done here. What is the time frame, um -- or let me back up. Um, not having debit and credit card access, all right, it's beyond my comprehension as -- as a municipality. In this day of technology, you can read a credit card on your phone.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So I don't understand why a municipality has not figured out how to provide that service to our residents. So, uh, it is my hope that we do that fairly quickly, um, because a lot of people would rather probably use a debit or credit card --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Debit and credit cards, yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- go online and just do what they do and --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yes.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- you know, it's done with. So we need to step that process up and, uh --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Well, again, we have the ability to do it. We're just not doing it. The -- the contract will be coming to you on May 1st, and then once that contract is done, then we're ready to start rolling with it.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Good, good, good. Because that is -- right now, to me, we're not as customer friendly as --

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Right.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- we can be. Not just as we should be, but we can be. And our mission as a public service entity need to make their engagement with us as painless as possible.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah, absolutely.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And -- and that is -- that is my hope. And I'll be monitoring the City Manager and going through her inquiring about are these things being done. Um, and my -- my last thing I would just like to say is that, uh, as we

progress through your programs and implementing the technology, what is an estimated time frame of completion to have in training programs, technology, monitoring programs, and we running on full throttle?

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Yeah. The -- the -- the last item in here that probably will get completed will be the cycle realignment, um, and that probably will be in July. So between now and July, everything should be running.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: On all cylinders, we'll see.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: All right.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: But, the -- you know, the target is July to be --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay. Uh, thank you, Mr. Chair. That's all I have.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Any other questions for Mr. Sherman? Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, Ma'am?

CITY MANAGER JONES: Um, I would just like to also thank Mr. Sherman and, um, the model that you see of what he has done here in his review of the utility billing is a model that we want to use with all of our departments, because the Customer Service should be important in every department. The use of technology should be important in every department. So we just want to take this model. I have a couple of other departments that are also in the process of doing some things in their departments, but I believe this is the direction the City should be taking and I've heard you loud and clear.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, I just would like to know, we -- we spent a lot of money a couple years ago -- I think it was to the tune of 234,000, um, on a -- a technology piece that was supposed to accommodate this. Right?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Uh-huh.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, I just would like to know where it is or, you know, where the -- the technology is and I guess maybe at this time, you know, um -- if you know.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Yes, I am aware that you were in about the third year of that contract upon my arrival. Um, the -- if you're doing work flow within a department, it could work. Most people are not using, uh, the hyperweb to do what it needs to do. Um, what I've heard from departments is that it doesn't do what they need for it to do. Um, and so we are trying to look at some of the hyperweb components. Um, I.T. requests,

some of those things are working pretty good through hyperweb, but data sharing and some of the tracking that we need to be able to do to key in on Customer Service, um, that program just didn't meet the mark. But some departments are using it for some functions.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. If there is no other questions for Mr. Sherman, thank you very much.

FINANCE DIRECTOR SHERMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We'll move on to Item 18.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 46-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, approving a work order with C Diversified, Inc. Of Delray Beach, Florida, not to exceed \$225,000, for the purpose of completing the design, engineering, and bid specification documents, construction administration and permit modifications for the Marina Project Phases 2 and 3, and additional preliminary design and recommendation for Phase 4, authorizing the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to make payment from the General Grant Account Number 422000057546251, using funds from the Florida Inland Navigational District Grant and the Florida Boating Improvement Program Grant and providing an effective date.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: There's a motion. Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. We have two comment cards, and Mr. Ward, I don't see one for you. Did you forget?

GERALD WARD: No, sir.

MAYOR MASTERS: It was in his pocket all the time.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I -- I don't see one for you, Mr. Ward. So Item 18 --

GERALD WARD: Yes, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- you -- you may have forgotten. I don't see it for you.

GERALD WARD: No, I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I know that you put a comment card in on everything, but it's not up here.

GERALD WARD: No.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's -- it's not up here.

GERALD WARD: You want a duplicate?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'll accept it this one time, but make sure before the item is read that you have your comment card in. We'll take Miss Carol Strick, and if I mispronounced your name, I do apologize.

CAROL STRICK: Hello. My name is Carol Strick. I'm here on behalf of Emma, actually. I was in Judge Kelly's courtroom five weeks ago when he absolutely talked about the summary judgment, and the one thing he decided on was that the referendum from the Task Force was a legal document and should be implemented. So your, um, 11 and 18 are illegal. You can't -- you can't rule on something that the judge ruled was the Task Force's domain. That's the first thing.

Um, what I wanted to say is, I live on 45th and Congress. It's very sad for me, who's been here for 12 years, to see the -- this area being turned from a residential area into an industrial area. All of us are going to suffer. Nobody is going to be exempt from asthma, cancer, um, pulmonary disease. Whoever decided, whoever had the authority to allow truck routes on three main streets did an injustice to this community, north of here, south of here, and west of here. And we're in this Bermuda Triangle of poison. We have the FP&L plant, the marine industry, and the incinerator, and added to that we have the three trucks.

I went to the FDOT meeting yesterday and I asked the moderator if he thought the pollution and the diesel fuel could go through the fence. He looked at me like I was crazy. I said, "Do you think you can keep the pollution out with the fence?" And the man looked like a Martian spoke. It doesn't even dawn on them to have enough respect for us, the citizens who live here, that we're being poisoned by all this industrialism, which goes to the marine industry.

Emma's idea was -- her concern was the health of the community. As a sick person who knew she was poisoned by Honeywell and Solatron [phonetic] and the marine industry, cracker boy shooting his ground glass all over the place, we're all getting sick and we're not doing anything about it because profit's over health, profit's over community, profit's over morality, profit's over decency. Everything is profits for a few at the expense of this community.

Little children cross in front of Walgreens. I see them all day long. An eight-year-old takes a three-year-old and crosses Congress off 45th Street. Do you see -- think the guy on the top of the cab is gonna see a little five-year-old? No. They'll wait till we have 10 accidents and then they'll realize that was a stupid plan to put trucks through 45th Street.

The marine industry, Emma was adamant about that. She knew the water was already polluted. The EPA, we called them recently. The -- the -- they allowed a permit of eight feet for the marine maintenance, not 50 feet so that they could bring in the 2 and 300

foot boats. Somebody's got to -- oh, sorry. But anyway, somebody's got to investigate this, because our health is seriously being compromised. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much for your comment. Mr. Fane Lozman?

FANE LOZMAN: Fane Lozman. My comments are mainly going to be directed towards Mr. Terrence Davis. Um, Mr. Davis, the contract needs to be canceled. I'm going to tell you why it needs to be canceled. The CRA master plan is illegal, and the reason it's illegal is the RFP in 2008 when it went out, Viking was chosen as the winner, and they submitted a plan, and it was accepted by the City.

You cannot make a substantive change to an accepted plan without going through a new RFP. The new RFP process never occurred. Okay? The City allowed when Viking couldn't come up with the funding, the City allowed multiple changes to the plan to take place without disqualifying Viking. Floyd Johnson said on the record that Viking should be disqualified. Instead of disqualifying them, he was fired an hour later.

So this plan that's gonna give money for a plan that never went through a competitive procurement process. I'm not gonna say the plan is legal or not. You know, it's acceptable. Now, that's -- that's a different question. But it never went through a -- a legal RFP process, so it's an illegal plan. I think an argument can be made there's fraud involved if you vote yes, because you're taking money from the Florida Inland Navigation District. But that's a separate issue to deal with.

Um, going back to the judge's ruling. Okay? The judge ruled. It's just a matter of finalizing what the ruling is. Now, Dawn Pardo had filed a motion herself. She was an individual defendant. And he denied it. You can go into the docket and look at it. So he's not gonna change his ruling. So, you know, in a week or two, whenever that's going to be final, but now that you know what the ruling is, okay, it would be malfeasance. It would be wrong to go ahead and sign this and then in a couple of weeks it's final. Now you've already signed a contract that is not binding. So either you need to cancel this contract based because it's an illegal plan to begin with, or at least table it and let it be final, and then go ahead and vote with it. But to -- but to make a decision in the affirmative on this is a mistake for multiple reasons.

You know, you don't wanna put yourself in a position where you could be recalled one day because you engaged in malfeasance by voting on an appropriation of this manner that I'm gonna say is illegal based on the master plan never going out back for an RFP.

Um, finally, I -- I -- I think it's important, and Mr. Mayor, I'm going to address this to you, sir. People should be able to come to this podium and feel comfortable doing so. Four years ago, Mr. Davis, you can look up my comments from four years ago, I was threatened at my floating home by a woman who is now a City employee. I was threatened I'd be found dead under my houseboat. It's on the record back in 2009. Miss Sylvia Blue made those comments to me on seven occasions in front of my houseboat, and it's on the record. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Mr. Gerald Ward?

BOARD MEMBER GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Chair? I --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go ahead if you must, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: As Mr. Ward comes to the podium, um, Miss Sylvia Blue is my legislative assistant. Um, she is one of the most credible, um, forthright, very strong lady, and I know some people have a problem with strong women. Uh, but for Mr. Lozman to suggest that somehow there was a threat on the record, and he didn't pursue it with the police, I find to be very amazing, knowing how he likes to pursue these type of things. So I'm not certain that what he just said is accurate. I wasn't there, but for the record, I -- I doubt it very seriously.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Ward.

GERALD WARD: Good evening for the last time. Gerald Ward --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

GERALD WARD: -- 2135 Broadway.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are you sure you don't want Item 19?

GERALD WARD: No, sir. I don't know what --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Go ahead. I'm just joking.

GERALD WARD: No, and I don't want 28 and 26 and 25. Uh, I think you need a motion to defer. You go to the back-up back there, go to the Internet, there is no back-up to -- other than the, uh, simple, uh, Agenda Item Summary, which has seven lines down at the bottom, which conflicts somewhat with the subject line. And, uh, I -- it -- it's just we're going down the same path as we've done before.

Uh, the Phase 1 has \$900,000 worth of lift station that is now underneath what you want to put Newcomb Hall on. Uh, you have what Mrs., uh, Davis raised tonight about giving away the dirt, so we -- we have a flood problem down there which we need to fill this, and we had lots of dirt. Now we have none. So we need to get some planning.

What assurances are anywhere in this that you will follow your code process of sending it to the Planning Board, to the Waterfront Advisory Board? We don't even have one right now, because the same department has not followed the code that every May they bring to you a suite of seven people to, uh, staff the Waterfront Advisory Board. None -- none of that process has ever occurred. I quit them because I wouldn't follow an illegal board.

So you, um -- you need to get the back-up and accomplish a review of it, along with the public, as to what Phases 2, 3, and 4 are going to be. Um, you say you have

recommendations, but you have design going for -- for 2, and none of that's been -- got a site plan approval, uh, through the normal process of the Seadek.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Miss Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: All right. I'd like to make a couple of comments. I think -- I'm not sure where some of the comments are coming from. What we're doing tonight is approving this contract with C Diversified. You know, it's the second phase of their contract, and what we're doing is just moving forward with the docks. We completed Phase 1 and we have several more to complete.

We're not working. We're not doing any work on the upland properties. This is all about the docks, and trying to get the docks -- the dock work done. So you know, I don't know what kind of back-up you guys are looking at back there, but what this is all about is just moving forward with the, um, you know -- with the second, third, and fourth phase. Well, really, the second and third phase of the docks, and that's it. It's the dock work, nothing more. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Any other questions or concerns?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Councilman Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: As it relates to the progress or the like thereof in our City, one thing that we have not done is stay competitive, not with the surrounding marinas, not with the surrounding, uh, entertainment activities, and not with much. And every time we attempt to move forward there will be some opposition. That's the democratic process.

It is my hope that this Council understands that we sit between Palm Beach Gardens, West Palm Beach, North Palm Beach, and we have nothing to compete with them. Like, I'm not even gonna use any planning principles. Like, I'm gonna speak common sense here.

Palm Beach Gardens has a downtown. I went to Palm Beach Gardens High School. They -- they created a downtown. There was no downtown in Palm Beach Gardens. I mean, we have sat here for years complaining about every project that came before us, and now we're left not being able to compete for the foot traffic that travels in Palm Beach County. When I wanna go see a movie, I go up to Palm Beach Gardens, or to West Palm Beach. City Place.

There is no perfect project. Every project will have -- have its challenges, and then we would have to deal with whatever it is and keep it moving. If we stop everything every time someone has a concern, we will get what we always got, a goose egg. We have nothing here. I mean, I have a daughter out of this state that absolutely refused to

move home. She said, "Daddy, there's nothing there. Everything is the same thing as it was when I was a kid." That is a problem.

We can't compete. So, uh, you know, I -- I -- I respect everyone's opinion, but it's about time for Riviera Beach to take the plunge, approve some projects. We're eventually gonna have to correct some things, and we just, uh, deal with it when it comes up. But if we never approve anything, we'll never be competitive with the surrounding communities, and the services that we need to provide to our residents. We won't have the revenue coming in because nobody's coming here spending money. So I mean, we need to get a grip and understand that we have to start approving things, and as problems come up, we'll just deal with them. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mr. Guyton. Any other questions?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, Mr. --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Concerns?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Councilman Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes, Mr. Chair. Um, I -- I agree with Mr. Guyton. I once left home and went to college, and came back, found a reason to stay home, and this is why I just chose to run for public office. But, um, one question I have for us all. Uh, we've got to make sure that we hold a due responsibility in making the right decisions as we move forward, and I do believe in supporting redevelopment and -- and then making our city a better place to live, work and play. But I ask the City Attorney, um, before I make any decision on this issue, is this something that will affect -- may come back or later on the referendum, if the -- once the judge make his decision?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Miss Ryan?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: I reviewed this and that never entered our -- our minds. Um, you were at the opening. This is about redeveloping the docks, and I don't believe that the referendum language had said anything about, um, developing the docks or it being -- it's -- this is all docks for the public. Um, this has nothing to do with the uplands. This is to finish the projects that we started. So to the extent that anybody believes that this is being -- this is somehow, um, is affected by the, um, the November, 2000 --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: 10.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- 10 language, I don't see it. It's -- it's just not there. This is for the docks only. And do not misunderstand, um, my comment about we're waiting for the final judgment. I am not saying that we're gonna just keep moving forward as though the judge did not rule. We're not doing that. I'm just saying, we're not going to

actually codify it until we have the final judgment, and this Board makes a decision about how it wants to move forward. I can't make that decision for the Board, and the judge can't.

Um, Judge Kelly can't stop the City Council from appealing. And I'm not suggesting that the Council is going to appeal unless, um, he goes against what he seemed to suggest, which is, um, to find a Sunshine violation. There's a -- there's an allegation that the -- the Board members, you know, not including you and Mr. Guyton, violated the Sunshine law and, um, you know, the judge said he found no merit to that, but he has not entered judgment.

So until he does that, he disposes of that issue, um, we're not gonna codify it, but we're certainly not going to do anything against it. And I -- I would hope that the public understands that. We have no intention to violate, uh, the judge's -- the judge's, um, order granting the summary judgment.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis, you still have the floor, if you need it.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'm done.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Thank you. Are there any other questions, concerns?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, no, just -- just one comment, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I was just passed a magazine from March/April 2013, The Marina World. On page 10 it has something positive about Riviera Beach that we don't get from the Palm Beach Post. Phase 1 completes at Riviera Beach. We are making magazines with the vision that we have, and that generates interest in our community, and we need to be conscientious of the fact that should this project be stopped in its tracks, that would be not good for our reputation. So I'm proud, kudos. We're making magazines. We're on the move, and people gonna respect and recognize us very soon.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, Councilman Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And just piggybacking off of my colleague, Mr. Guyton, um, please remember that two weeks ago we accepted the Project of the Year Award from the Marine Industries of Palm Beach County for the Riviera Beach marina. Right, terrific. And, right, we meant to bring the award, but at the next meeting we'll have the award so everyone can see it. And, yeah, it's a big deal.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. If there's no other questions, we have a bit of business to do here. Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Unanimous vote.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Item 19.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Resolution number 47-13, a resolution of the City Council of the City of Riviera Beach, Palm Beach County, Florida, supporting the Mayor in a coalition of Mayors Against Illegal Guns, who are standing with President Obama's bill urging Congress to strengthen legislation requiring background checks for all gun sales, including at gun shows and over the Internet in order to make our streets and communities safe from gun violence and providing an effective date.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been moved. Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Uh, there are no comment cards. This is a resolution that's coming from the Mayor, I believe. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Oh, thank you, Mr. Chair. It's pretty self-explanatory. Um, law enforcements -- uh, law enforcements all over the country are supporting, uh, and complimenting the President for being courageous, um, here, as relates to, um, illegal guns and -- and background checks. Um, Congressman Patrick Murphy, and our other congressional delegates would like to have on the record that their cities are in support of what the President is asking for.

We participated along -- the other day, along the other day, along with Mayor Muoio from West Palm Beach. A representative from, uh, our Department was there to embrace, um, the President's call in -- in this area. So we're just saying as a matter of record, certainly there will be -- there's absolutely no reason why we would not want this type of, uh, gun control as it relates to background checks. It's basic -- uh, pretty much self-explanatory. Thank you, Madam [sic] Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, thank you. Are there any questions? I -- I do have one, um, Mayor. Um, as for, of course, you know, we all want, you know, responsible, uh, gun use and want to stop the senseless violence. Um, in this resolution, um, I don't believe it was workshopped or anything like that. Um, there may be some different views in that. Were you able to get us any information on this bill, or, uh, a letter from any of the congressional districts asking us to support this, any background on what this support actually, um, means as far as this City?

MAYOR MASTERS: Yeah. I thought that, um, well, you know, we're going through transitions that relate to the Chief of Staff right now, but I thought that our Chief of Staff actually, um, copied the bills that Congressman Murphy and our congressional delegation, the U.S. Conference of Mayors, are supporting. Um, basically, it's -- it's a -- it's a win. It's a win-win for all, and, um, we just wanted to make it a matter of -- of record that we are supporting, um, this resolution, and our Congressman is supporting it, and other members of our delegation, as well. Congressman Hastings, Congressman Patrick Murphy, and other members of Congress.

Uh, I thought we had some background, but it's -- it's two bills that are attached, and certainly, um, our President is to be commended, along with the U.S. Conference of Mayors, basically, and also the, uh, the League of Cities. Um, I mean, it's -- law enforcement's, um, supporting this a hundred percent and it's pretty -- pretty much that's all I can really say.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are there any other questions or concerns from the Board? Hearing none, Madam Clerk?

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson J. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Councilperson T. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: Pro Tem Pardo? Chair Thomas?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes.

DEPUTY CITY CLERK ANTHONY: That motion is approved with, um, Pro Tem Pardo out.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, we're going to Community Benefits?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And Mr. Chair, um, before you --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- start, um, it looked like we duplicated two of --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We did, and I'll correct it when I --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- get there. Yeah, we did.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, I caught it. 20, uh, 7 and 28.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, um, we're gonna go ahead and go to, uh, Community Benefits. Um, Miss Pardo, Item 20.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. I am asking for approval to put, uh, \$5,500 -- well, move \$5,500 over to the police station to, um, pay for a camera that will go on the north end of Singer Island?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Uh, you know what? All in favor of this signify by saying Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposes? That motion is unanimous -- unanimously approved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Item 21. Uh, Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair, this is a contribution to the Inner City Youth Golfers, and it's a program that I -- I would like to advocate because this is -- it's a sport that many, um, of our inner city kids are not introduced to at an early age. So, um, I would like to contribute \$500, and also encourage any youth out there, or -- or parents who would like to expand the horizon of their kids to look at this program to give them a -- a different sport that they can become familiar with and use later on in life, as well.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns? All in favor of this signify by saying aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposes? Same sign. There are none. This motion is unanimously approved. Item number 22. Mr. Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Mr. Chair, this is \$1,000 contribution to the Youth Recreation Association that most of us, um -- well, all of us are familiar with. And this is to help defray some of the costs of the Spring Break activities for the youth in our community.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a second? Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Second. Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of this motion signify by saying Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposes? Same sign. This motion is unanimously approved. Item 23, uh, Miss Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, yes, sir. This is, um, a donation to Youth Recreation to assist, uh -- to offset the expenses from the Spring Break festivities.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a motion?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Is there a second?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions or concerns, unreadiness? All in favor of this motion signify by saying, Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposes, same sign. Hearing none, this motion is unanimously approved. Item number 24.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, sir. This -- this, uh, item is to assist, uh, Jay's Ministries in their community, um, outreach.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of this motion signify by saying, Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposes, same sign? I didn't hear everybody say aye.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: In fact, I didn't hear anybody say aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I did.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Let's try that again. All in favor of this motion signify by saying Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Aye. Any opposes, same sign. Hearing none, this motion is unanimously approved. Item number 25.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Yes, sir. This item is to assist Riviera Beach Fire Rescue with purchasing uniforms for their Honor Guard.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved and second. Any questions, concerns, unreadiness? Hearing none, all in favor of this motion signify by saying Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: All opposed, same sign. This motion is unanimously approved. Item number 26. That's Mr. Davis.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Thank you, Chair. Um, this is in the amount of 350 bucks to support the Neighbors United Clean-Up. We want to keep that, uh, tradition going. We're supporting that initiative. Um, we'll be cleaning up S Avenue and Dixie.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So moved.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: It's been properly moved --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Second.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- and second. Any questions, concerns, unreadiness? All in favor of this motion signify by saying Aye.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Aye.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Aye.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Any opposes? I'm just making sure. Okay. Hearing none, this motion is unanimously approved. Item 27 and 28 were actually duplicates of 24 and 25, so we do not have 27 and 28. Um, we're gonna now move to discussion by the City Manager.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Just two things, very quickly. Um, the Chair and -- Mr. Chair and I have spoken, um, about a workshop on April the 17th, um, so I would like for you to mark your calendars. We'll use the third Wednesday of this month for a workshop. There are several things that we -- staff needs to get your feedback and guidance on.

First we will be presenting to you the defined contribution, um, pension plan. We will also, uh, have several ordinances that we will introduce, um, so that we can advertise for the first meeting in May for the first hearing. One deals with a foreclosure registry, um, shopping carts, just all kinds of things that we really need to address, uh, as well as we have presented to, um, Council some draft policies and we would like for, uh, the Council to, um, react to those, so that we can go back and make the appropriate changes. Um, so I'm sure Mr. Chair will pare down this agenda some, but be prepared for a workshop on April the 17th.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: And what time?

CITY MANAGER JONES: As early as we can start. 4:00?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yeah, I can do 4.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That's on a --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Wednesday. Um, 5:00?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no, no. If everybody can do 4, it's fine. I'm just gonna be a little late. I won't quite be off of work at that time, but, um --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait, wait.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yeah, I'm still --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: But some of these things aren't -- aren't you --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, I would like to be there. But I don't want to --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- hold up four other people's schedules.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Well, no, we -- well, I'm inclined --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: If not, I would -- I would appreciate if --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- to do it a little later.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- it's -- if it's after 4:30 at least..

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: 5:00?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Let's do 5:00.

CITY MANAGER JONES: 5:00?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: 5:00 will work better for me.

CITY MANAGER JONES: 5:00. 5:00 --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY MANAGER JONES: -- on the 17TH.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you all for being supportive.

CITY MANAGER JONES: Also, um, I would like to request of Council a closed executive session, uh, to talk about, uh, labor negotiations. We need to give you an update. We've been at the table with some of the unions and they've made some requests, um, so we will be poling you if it is your desire to have a closed executive session on labor. That's all. Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, any questions about the comments from the City Manager from any of the Board members? Okay. If not, anything from Legal?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, I would like to ask the Council for a closed executive session, um, in the -- the Lozman case that, um, was in the paper, and I will do that formally in just a second. Um, but before I do, I just wanted to make a couple of comments, um, considering that it was in the paper without any comments from the City.

I wanted to make it clear to the Council and to the public that this was a very old case. This was a 2008 case with allegations that Mr. Lozman made from, um, beginning in 2006, for -- regarding a Council that's no longer here. Um, Mr. Lozman has sued the City and the Council members and some staff, and I will say all their names in a minute as a part of the closed executive session.

But, um, the main point that I wanted to make is that what the Post reported is, um -- well, uh, is the response from Mr. Lozman and the allegations that he has made in his amended complaint. The City in no way -- in -- in every one of his allegations, the City in no way, um, agrees with any of the things that he's said, and to be frank with you, um, the -- the Court reversed a dismissal and without getting into all the technicalities, the City never even filed an answer in the case. So for the Post to call this a loss, um, is certainly overstating it, since the case never, um, got off the ground because the Court,

the District Court on its own, um, um, saw that it was fit to, um, dismiss the case on very technical grounds.

So the 11th Circuit has reversed that case, and now we are in the posture, the same posture that we were in in 2008 when Mr. Lozman filed the lawsuit. Um, the City will certainly defend it, um, as I stated. Uh, we do not, um, agree with anything that he said and, um, are in a posture to defend the City completely in this case. So with that said, um, there are many things that we can do, um, with the 27-page opinion that the 11th Circuit wrote, and that's why I'm asking for the closed executive session.

Um, we've polled your staff and, um, we were hoping to have the session on April 9th, if that's okay with the Council, at 5:30. For the record, um, the name of the case is Fane Lozman versus The City of Riviera Beach, Michael D. Brown, Gloria Shuttlesworth, Norma -- did I say versus The City of Riviera Beach? I want to make sure I said that. All right. Michael Brown, Gloria Shuttlesworth, Norma Duncombe, Vanessa Lee, Elizabeth Wade, Ann Iles, and George Carter. That is the name of the case. And the case number is, um, 08-80134, um, Civil, Hurley/Hopkins.

Um, the case has been returned to the, um, the District Court. And, um, in attendance at this -- at the closed executive session will be Benjamin -- Special Counsel Benjamin Bedard and Bradley Ellis and, um, along with the Mayor and the City Council, myself, and the City Manager. Again, the date of the closed executive session will be Tuesday, April 9th, at 5:30 p.m. Thank you, Mr. Chair. Um, if you have any questions, please, uh, this is the time to ask.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Uh, are there any questions from the Board in reference to any of the comments by the attorney? Hearing none, seeing none, okay. We'll move down -- thank you, uh, Madam Attorney.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Thank you.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, we'll move down to, uh, City Council, uh, Committee Reports. Um, any, uh, committee reports from anyone?

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Councilwoman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I think I'm about the only one that gives one, but anyway, um, on the MPO, um, I think it was last Thursday, whenever the last meeting was, um, the MPO unanimously supported the residents' request for, um, FDOT to put a sound barrier wall along State Road 710. Went so far as to write a letter strongly, um, advocating for the residents, um, and asking, um, Secretary Prasad to follow through.

Um, also, um, received a phone call from, um, Senator Clemens on yesterday indicating that he has met with the Secretary and that, um, um, they are still working on a solution. FDOT did call a meeting on, um -- well, I'm kinda getting into the statements, but I'll go ahead and finish it so I won't have anything else to say.

Um, FDOT had a meeting, um, this past Monday, and scheduled it for 4:30 at Tate and, um, very few people showed up, so that meeting has been rescheduled for April 16th at 6:30 at Tate Gym. So, um, Miss -- Miss Jones, would you please, um, post this information on Channel 18 and -- yes, ma'am. Thank you. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Is that all for the committee reports? Okay. We're going to have statements by the Mayor and Council. We're gonna start with Councilwoman Davis tonight.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: I have none, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We're gonna go to Councilwoman Pardo.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Yes, thank you, sir. Um, let's see what I wanted to chat about. Oh, okay. Uh, this is for the City Manager. I'd like to know when we're going to start getting into our budget workshops?

CITY MANAGER JONES: In looking at the schedule, we will talk to you about revenues in May and where we are asking for revenue enhancements. Uh, then we will proceed with the monthly, bi-monthly workshops after then.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: So --

CITY MANAGER JONES: So we'll start in May.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. And the workshops will then start in June, so that June and July --

CITY MANAGER JONES: Twice a month, uh-huh.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Okay. All right. And then the other thing is, um, I received a couple of e-mails and telephone calls from residents who were over at the Ocean Mall over the weekend, and they were ticketed. And you know, I understand that there is a need for parking over at the Ocean Mall, but these people were over in the restaurant. There were no signs telling people that they were going to, you know, start -- that we were going to start ticketing people because they were, you know, parking on the grass or, you know, parking wherever they could find a parking spot. And you know, they came out of the restaurants and they received \$25 tickets. So I would like to know why we started the, um -- the ticketing, and you know, why weren't the residents notified? You know?

We seem to notify people, you know, on some things and not on other things. And if we want residents and tourists and, you know, visitors to come to the Ocean Mall, then we really need to provide some kind of parking. We still have the south end of the parking lot. You know, it's barren, but we can't use it. You know, Catafulmo had all of his -- you know, he had supplies over there and the supplies are gone, but we still can't, you know, park over there. And it -- it has to be at least 20, 25 parking spots. So, um -- so I'd like to know what's going on with this ticketing. If, you know, that is going to be the

new norm over in the mall. If people park on the grass, they're gonna get tickets. If they park, you know, along the sidewalk, they're gonna, you know, incur a fine.

You know, I -- we need to know, and the restaurants need to know, also, because the people that contacted me, like I said, were coming out of the restaurants. All right? So if those people, I'm sure the people who were over at the beach also, it was packed over there, and the police will tell you, they did a fine job. We probably have five or six police officers over there over the weekend, patrolling Phil Foster, the Ocean Mall, and Ocean Reef Park, um, but you know, if we expect people to go over there, you need to provide parking. Uh, so I would like to know what's going on with that.

And I have to give kudos to Officer Cheeseman. He is now the officer patrolling over on the Island, and I must say he's doing a fine job. He's been attending the community meetings over there, and you know, the residents are getting to know him. He's our new Randy Edwards. And, yeah, and -- and it's great.

And then the last thing, you know, I had mentioned this when Mrs. Brabham, um, made the comment about that resolution. Two weeks ago we went down to the Marine Industries of -- of Palm Beach County and we accepted an award, and it's an absolutely beautiful award. And, um, I think it surprised all of us that they awarded the City of Riviera Beach the Project of the Year, even though the project isn't completed.

And they were all so happy that progress was happening in Riviera Beach. And you know, there were over 200 people and the -- you know, these are professionals in the industry, and there were County leaders there. We had State leaders there. And, um, it was a very proud moment, let me tell you, for the City of Riviera Beach.

And we meant to bring the award up. We'll have it here at the next meeting, and then it's going in the, um, award cabinet outside. So you know, like I said when Council -- former Councilwoman Brooks and I received the award, you know, kudos to our staff for really making it happen, kudos to the City Council for making it happen, and to all of the federal and state agencies, and the county for providing the funds to help us move forward. So that's all I have. Thank you, sir.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you. Uh, next, Mr. Guyton.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, thank you, Mr. Chair. I -- I only have one item, and I need the Council's support on this item. Piggybacking off what, uh, my colleague, uh, Council -- uh, Vice Chair Pardo said about the award, and how excited people are about the project that is being proposed. Uh, that project is the -- and correct me if I'm wrong -- the Marina Project that is being proposed. This -- the Council before myself and Councilman Terrence Davis got on board, approved the conceptual plan for about -- at build-out it would be about \$240 million worth of construction.

Investors were excited. Um, Legislators excited. Community excited. When that judgment came down, it added some concern, and that excitement kinda dimmed somewhat. It -- it hasn't faded all the way. And they are concerned about some of the

language contained in the 2010 referendum, and certainly we're gonna comply with the law, and whatever the judge said, we're gonna do that.

It is my hope that we prepare some language, some alternate language, that -- let me back up. I would like staff to prepare some alternate language that we can review to address some of the concerns that our investors are now expressing. The language as it exists now is gonna cause a lot of problems with development. Um, that's not an illusion. That's a fact. So -- and -- and -- and the 2010 language, when the judge made his decision, he made it in light of 60 percent of the people came out at an election and voted to overturn that language, and on a technicality he said that not enough language was in it, and I don't wanna get into all of that.

So there was a sentiment in the community that showed that they wasn't particularly crazy about that language. But we have a responsibility to keep the project moving forward, and I would like to have staff, with the support of enough councilpeople -- I guess I need at least two more to agree -- to direct staff to, um, create some alternate language for us to review, and we then can make a determination if we want to take it back to the people and see if, um, they would like to entertain it. So having said that --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um, you -- if you -- if you're looking for consensus, I'm -- I'm on board. Any -- anybody else have any issues with, uh, staff preparing any language?

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: Um, Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Yes, ma'am.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I just -- I have a question for the City Attorney. She made a comment earlier that the judge hasn't given us --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Issued a final judgment.

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: -- the final -- right, a final judgment, so if, while we're waiting for this final judgment, if we move forward with that, does it affect anything?

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Um, well, if you're directing staff to just start drafting something, that's one thing. Um, we only have a Council meeting once a month. I -- I -- I'm actually surprised the judge hasn't ruled by now. Um, he should have, but I -- I certainly think that we'll have something by the -- the time we bring this back. I'm not -- we have (inaudible) --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Right now let me clarify what I'm saying. I'm just asking for staff to draft some language, not for us to take any action right now. And I would like two options, personally. I would like to see language that's modifying that 2010 language that could possibly allow development, and the other language I would like to see is totally removing that language. So I want to -- I, as a Councilperson --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: -- want to see two different versions.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Um, you have my consensus, also.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Thank you.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I -- I have a question, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Um, what's the rush?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, the rush is that we have people excited about a project that has not been put on hold and I just referred to how we're not competitive with other communities. We have had this wait-and-see attitude for 50 years, and we have nothing going. So we are about 50 years behind the eight ball.

So my rush is to make sure that the investors that are at the table understand that we are still serious about moving forward, and we're gonna do it in a manner that makes them comfortable, so that when they come to invest millions of dollars, they'll feel comfortable that they can get a return on their investment. That's the rush.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I -- I -- I understand your concern, but how long does it take to put together some language?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I, uh -- you need to ask the attorney.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I mean --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: And -- and -- and -- may -- may -- may I -- that was one thing and I left out two. Also I had like staff to advise us of how long it would take. Should we decide to put it on the ballot, what is the process associated with that, and if it's 90 days or whatever it is, we'll know how long that we have in order to comply with the law before it can get on the ballot.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um, Mr. Guyton had the floor first. Madam Attorney, please address his questions first. Mr. Davis had the floor second. Please address his, uh, answer to his question second.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, it was direction from the Council. I mean, I -- I can certainly have the language, um, ready in a couple of weeks and, um, with an analysis, um, with the City Clerk's office as to how long it would take. Um, I'd have to confer with the City Clerk's office.

But I can certainly start working on, um, language that fits both of the -- a complete repeal, and trying to, uh -- I may need a little more direction on, um, exactly how you wanna change the, um -- the language that's currently there. If you wanted to kind of --

to leave it intact, but make some changes, but I can have that conversation with you separately.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: And present it to Council in a memorandum form, or does it have to come back to the Board.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: In memorandum form, to just review it, and then we can discuss it at a Council meeting --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Yeah.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: -- that you all would have in advance, so that you could review it and, um, think it through. So I could probably have that ready by the May meeting. If you want to push it a little further, definitely by June. It's up to -- it's up to the Council.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: We're here to -- to --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Are you satisfied, uh, with that?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, yeah, I'm fine.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Um --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: I -- I'd just like to --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- there is -- there is a consensus, um, at this time, unless Miss Pardo or Mr. Davis, you have --

CHAIR PRO TEM PARDO: I'm fine. Move forward.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Davis?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: My -- my question is -- my question hasn't been answered yet.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. It's your turn.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I was asking about -- here's my question. What we're doing on the City business is one thing, does have a direct correlation with the CRA. Correct? Decisions we make here. Because a lot of our redevelopment happens in the CRA. So what are their -- what are their attorneys saying? You see? You see what's getting ready to happen here?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, Mr. Chair?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: You're making a decision here, but we have a CRA meeting next week --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Mr. Guyton, let's allow Councilman Davis to finish.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: You have a CRA meeting that will happen next week, so what -- what could happen?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Well, I'm a -- I'm gonna hold my comment, but the Board gonna look pretty familiar next week, as well.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yeah, I -- I, that's my point.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I know. I know, but you see what -- you see --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Which -- we are the CRA.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I'm joking. I'm joking.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I know. I know. I know it. I'm just making sure that we be very careful how we move here. That's all I'm saying. (Inaudible).

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: I just -- I just --

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, but your point is, you would want me to confer with the CRA attorney?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Let's wait till after the CRA meeting before we -- before we start making these decisions so fast.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, no, I -- I -- I adamantly oppose to that. We need to move forward.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We -- we have a consensus.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: We have a consensus. No problem Councilman Davis --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: No problem.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- concerns have --

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: They've been addressed. Comfortable for you? We do have a consensus as well, so the consensus is to start working on that, uh --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- (inaudible) language. Councilman, uh --

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: And just to -- and just -- and just --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- Councilwoman Davis.

COUNCILPERSON J. DAVIS: -- for the record, the property belongs to the City, so --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: That is a -- that -- that's a -- that's a valid point.

MAYOR MASTERS: Mr. Chair? Mr. Chair?

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Hold on one second.

MAYOR MASTERS: I have a question.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: So noted, Councilwoman Davis. Uh, Councilman Guyton, are you satisfied with your request?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Yes.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Councilmember Davis, are you satisfied with what you're asking?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Don't matter. I'm just waiting on the Mayor now.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No, no. Hold on. I'm trying to make sure we keep this straight. Are you -- are you fine with what you're asking?

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'm -- I'm stating my position right now.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: I'm fine. I'm fine with what she had to say.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: No problem. Um, Mayor, um, Masters, I'm gonna get to you. I just wanna make sure that you just asking a question about this item?

MAYOR MASTERS: I am.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Go ahead.

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you, um, Mr. Chair. I'm definitely in support of moving forward on this project. Um, private and public partnership always makes sense. It -- it just seems to me that when Reverend Burrs spoke tonight -- and I just want to go back to him because it's on point -- that he was saying, too, that, you know, he's -- they didn't want to, um, obstruct or stop the -- the project. And I'm just wondering. I heard him say

that, and that was good for him to say that. But what I'm wondering, at the same time as we are preparing, um, to move forward, if staff can also be directed to have a conversation with Reverend Burrs and speak to him about it, because it may not be a combative or a, uh, adversarial -- um, necessarily an adversarial relationship. Um, and I'm just wondering if -- if that makes sense.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Are you asking for the Board to give you a consensus on that?

MAYOR MASTERS: Well, I don't know what I'm asking. I'm just asking --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Um, um, um, let --

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Hold on. Let --

MAYOR MASTERS: -- if it would make sense --

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Okay.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: -- him finish.

MAYOR MASTERS: Um, would it make sense to, um, reach out to, uh, Reverend Burrs on this, as well. That -- that's all.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Um --

MAYOR MASTERS: Maybe I'm asking the attorney. I don't know.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Well, I'll say this. Um, the City Attorney certainly can't speak to him. He's represented by counsel, so, um, it would have to be, um, um, someone other than the City Attorney's Office. But I need to make something very clear. Um, as soon as the judge enters the final judgment and if this Board decides that it does not want to appeal, we will codify the language even if we're moving forward with a new referendum. Um, staff will do what we're directed to do by the Court. It -- but that's not the main thing. The main thing is that this is no longer the Task Force's language.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: That's -- that's right.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: This is the language of the City of Riviera Beach, and anybody can, um, can have an interpretation. Uh, uh, the language is open to varying interpretations, and it's no longer a matter of speaking with the -- the -- the people who pushed the referendum forward. It is a City referendum. Um, I'm sorry. It's a City charter amendment now and, um, we have to try to interpret it and do what we think it -- you know, the City has to try to interpret it in the way that the citizens would want it interpreted. And if they don't agree with us, anybody can file a lawsuit against us to have it interpreted the way they want it interpreted.

MAYOR MASTERS: That -- that satisfies me, Mr., um, Chair.

CITY ATTORNEY RYAN: Right. This is -- this has moved on.

MAYOR MASTERS: I just wanted to ask. I don't know. I'm fine.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Councilman Guyton?

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: Uh, no further comments, no.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. We've taken Miss Pardo, Miss Davis, Mr. Guyton. Mr. Davis, your turn for comments.

COUNCILPERSON T. DAVIS: Good night.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Okay. Mr. Mayor?

MAYOR MASTERS: Thank you. Um, Mr. Calloway, the Youth Recreation Association has been very successful, um, in working with our seniors, as well as our young people. And he has some ideas and some initiatives as it relates to the youth for this summer, and it's always in the best interests of the City to, uh, do whatever we can to reach young people during the time that they're not in school, during the time that they possibly could create havoc, um, is to try to be preventive and to keep them in some type of positive, uh, vein. And, um, I'd like to ask the Manager if you could, uh, reach out to, uh, Mr. Calloway and see what his, uh, ideas are, and possibly, uh, bring back something, uh, recommendations, because I know one of his concerns is, um, the gymnasium, um, I think at -- at Calloway's complex. I don't know whether it's midnight basketball or -- or free time, but he's got some ideas as relates to some of those kids in that area. So if you could -- would do that, I -- I would certainly appreciate it. Also, um, to the residents would live on, um, Singer Island, um, I want you to know and make no mistake about it, that the Office of the Mayor will continue to give advocacy, leadership, and support, uh, for the police substation that we all want, um, over there, uh, in that area, which is, uh, long overdue.

I'd like to announce that April the 9th, Tuesday, at 1:00 p.m. I've been contacted by the, uh, school, Palm Beach County School Board, to, um, give leadership and to host, sponsor a mini-job fair just for them, and they are looking for bus drivers. You must have a CDL license, a clean background, because you're going to be working around children, squeaky clean background. Um, they also are hiring, uh, some mechanics, as well, maintenance. Now, the people that will be hired from, um, the job fair here in the chambers, April the 9th, 1:00 p.m., from 1 to 4, uh, will actually start working in the month of April, I think the end of April. So this is not for, um, anything in August when school starts. This is now. I think there is a few hours of a training program, but then we want to make that announcement, and so if you know anyone out there that has a CDL license, uh, please tell them to be here probably, um, with a resume, properly dressed, and ready to be interviewed by the, um, representatives from the -- from the School Board.

Also, um, I visited, um, the nation's capitol, this is for the City, um, about a week ago. I met with Congressman's Murphy, uh, Chief of Staff and, um, they have agreed to do a

partnership, a joint job fair with the Office of the Mayor, and of course, uh, our city and -- and anyone else that wants to get involved, uh, for veterans. They've also agreed to, uh, partner with us with a, um -- an event that deals with foreclosure that the -- uh, the Congressman is very much concerned about.

Also met with the, uh, officials from the United States Justice Department. We put in contact, uh, as we met with them, the, uh, Assistant Chief -- well, I mean, Chief, uh, manager, Assistant Manager Jones, and as a result of that meeting we were informed of some possible, uh, grants and they said, You're right here on time, ahead of time. So we were kinda like given an opportunity, uh, ahead of time to look at, uh, some grants that would be coming down the, uh, pipe, and, um, uh, Mr. Jones is already on top of that, so that was good.

Also, um, they informed me that there is money available, uh, grants now for any non-profit organization that's involved with, um, fighting, um, combating violence against women. So if -- if you are an organization, and I can think of, um, a couple, uh, and you are -- uh, have some type of program or project that deals with violence against women, there's money available now, and you can, um, apply.

I also met with the, uh, executives of the United States Conference of Mayors, which is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and we're putting together a summer youth program, the mayors across the country, so I'll be working directly with the U.S. Conference of Mayors and be bringing back forth -- forth to the City, um, to our young people who won't be in school but will need a job. Uh, the Mayor -- the Office of the Mayor will coordinate a summer youth, uh, employment program, along with our businesses in -- in and around Riviera Beach. World Conference of Mayors, I also met with the Executive Director of the World Conference of Mayors, Mayor Walls, and, um, we talked about tourism as it relates to Riviera Beach and investment, as well, and there's some things that hopefully will generate an interest of people from around the world wanting to come to our city. And last, but not least, Mr. Chair, I met with a developer in Washington, D.C. who's well known for several development projects, and he has a -- a desire to come to the city and look at, um, possibilities of investing here in Riviera Beach. So it was a very busy, uh, couple of days there in Washington, and I'm praying that -- that all the good stuff that we mentioned will come forth and our city will continue to make progress. Thank you very much.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you, Mayor. I'll be very brief so we don't hit our 10:00 cut-off time. Um, the first thing I would like to do is, um, as you -- as most of you may be aware, um, the, uh, assistant that was formerly here, Miss Lobosky, um, who we, uh -- we really miss, um, has moved on to some other, um, endeavors, and the District 3 office has, um, hired a legislative assistant, Miss Jamir Mathis. Would you please wave your hand so everybody know who you are? Yes. She's a -- she's a Florida State grad, um, and, um, you know, she competed very hard for this position, and I'm glad to, um, have her aboard, so although we're very sad that Miss Lobosky has, um, moved on to some other endeavors, we're very happy to have you, um, here working with us in the City of Riviera Beach, and of course I'm sure this is your first meeting. I'm sure you probably enjoyed some of the content.

MAYOR MASTERS: It won't be the last, either.

CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Uh, it's -- this is the way the City broke you in. Um, also, um, I know that some things may be moving a little bit differently, uh, than we've seen in the past and I just, uh, thank my colleagues for, you know, just trusting me and going with it and, um, you know, supporting me in -- in my vision of how, um, you know, I would like to, uh -- to chair the meetings. Um, we'll get used to them. I'm always going to be open for suggestions, if anything is uncomfortable or for anybody, please don't hesitate to, um, you know -- to let me know and I'll definitely try to accommodate you. I do have some ideas. Um, I will be, as I already stated, I will be sending you the agenda. Um, I've spoken with the attorney and on the Community Benefits, um, we would just like to have them a little sooner so that we can include the back-up in it so the -- so the public can, um, have that. Uh, whatever a councilmember needs, this is a Board, um, that we work together, so you know, don't fear that, you know, anything will change. We all have the same, uh, power, um, up here. Um, so it won't be any of that. I just want to try some different things to, uh, see if we can, you know, add a little bit more, um, consistency to our meetings. So thank you for, uh, bearing with me and just go with me and we'll tweak it and -- and we'll get it together, but I promise you I'll be working very hard on that.

MAYOR MASTERS: And you did a good job tonight.

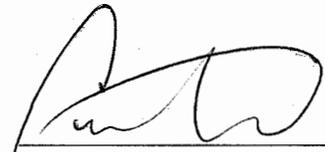
CHAIRPERSON THOMAS: Thank you very much. With that said, I'll entertain a motion for adjournment.

COUNCILPERSON GUYTON: So moved.

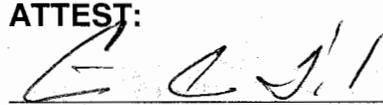
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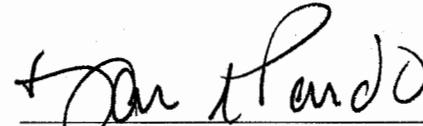
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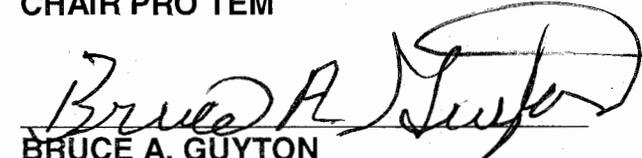

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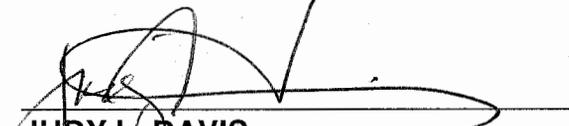

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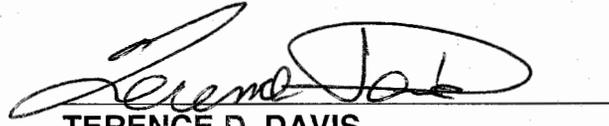
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